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Dear Parent or Guardian of the Classes of 2022 & 2023,

Madison County Schools (MCS) will offer the ACT, at no cost, to currently enrolled Juniors and Seniors during the school day on Tuesday, October 5. This assessment opportunity is possible due to MCS's participation in ACT's District Choice State Testing (DCST) program, which is a special partnership with ACT that allows MCS students to take the ACT test free of charge, during school hours at their home school site. Scores earned on this ACT administration can be used for college admissions, scholarship awards, substitution of state test requirements for high school graduation and meeting the College & Career Readiness benchmarks to earn early and/or late dismissal for the Senior year.

On Tuesday, October 5, the DCST ACT will begin first thing in the morning with arrival times to be communicated by your student's home school. Punctuality is crucial, as late arriving students will not be able to participate. Timing and sequence for this assessment is pre-determined by ACT, and the test will conclude around 1 pm. Please do not check out participating students prior to 1 pm.

Students wanting to utilize a calculator for the math section of the DCST ACT on October 5 will need to bring their own because calculators will not be provided by the schools and no sharing is allowed. Calculator guidelines can be referenced at the following link: <http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/ACT-calculator-policy.pdf>. Further test administration information as well as a full-length practice test can be found at <https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/Preparing-for-the-ACT.pdf>. Finally, students must have a photo ID such as a driver's license or school ID on October 5. There is no admissions ticket to the test.

You are encouraged to contact your school's counselor with questions. Your partnership is much appreciated as we endeavor to provide your student with more graduation, post-secondary and scholarship award opportunities.

Moving the Mark,

Charlotte A. Seals

Madison County Schools Superintendent