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Dear Parent or Guardian of Class of 2022,

Madison County Schools (MCS) will offer the ACT, at no cost, to currently enrolled Juniors (both traditional/on-campus students and virtual learners) during the school day on Tuesday, February 23. This assessment opportunity is possible due to the Mississippi Department of Education's participation in ACT's State Testing 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, February 23, both traditional/on-campus students and virtual learners will report to their home school first thing in the morning with punctuality being crucial, as late arriving students will not be able to participate. Be assured, testing for traditional/on-campus learners and virtual learners will occur in separate on-campus locations while providing for the mitigation of COVID for all students through the three "Ws": 1) Wear a face covering, 2) Wash/sanitize hands/desks, and 3) Watch your distance. As an added measure, all other high school students will be participating in a distance learning day so only the Juniors taking the ACT will be on campus to promote social distancing.

On the day of testing, please monitor your child's health prior to sending them to his/her home school. Timing and sequence for this assessment is pre-determined by ACT, and the test will conclude around 1 p.m. Please do not check out participating students prior to 1 p.m.

Students wanting to utilize a calculator for the math section of the ACT on February 23 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 February 23. There is no admission ticket to the test.

Your school will communicate school specific information such as arrival time. You are encouraged to contact your school's counselor with questions. Your partnership is much appreciated as we support your student with their graduation, post-secondary and scholarship award opportunities.

Moving the Mark,

Charlotte A. Seals

Madison County Schools Superintendent