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Dear Parent or Guardian of the Classes of 2026,

Madison County Schools (MCS) will offer the Pre-ACT 8/9, at no cost, to currently enrolled eighth graders during the school day on Tuesday, October 19. The Pre-ACT 8/9 is an officially licensed practice assessment of the ACT that is developmentally appropriate for Grade 8 students. Although scores from the Pre-ACT cannot be used for college admissions or scholarships, results are a measure of current academic development and a predicted ACT composite score range is calculated.

The Pre-ACT 8/9 is part of a comprehensive program for ACT success, with the culmination being two ACT opportunities in eleventh grade. These culminating Junior administrations are a special partnership with ACT that allows MCS students at no cost to earn college-reportable scores while testing during school hours at their homeschool site. Our hope is that a systemic approach to the ACT will lead to an increased number of students being provided with more college and scholarship opportunities.

On Tuesday, October 19, the Pre-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. Also, students wanting to utilize a calculator for the math section of the Pre-ACT on October 19 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>.

You are encouraged to contact your school's counselor with questions. Your partnership is much appreciated as we support your student in reaching the next level.

Moving the Mark,

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Madison County Schools Superintendent