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Dear Parents & Guardians,

On Wednesday, April 8th, our students in grades 9, 10, & 11 will be taking the Pre-ACT Secure 9, Pre-ACT Secure, and ACT. Testing will start at 8:00 am, so please make sure your student arrives on time. Students who are late will not be admitted to the test room and will need to do make-up testing at a later date.

All students will have varying schedules for the day and are free to leave after their testing session only if they have their own transportation or can be picked up at school. If a student requires bus transportation in the afternoon, the regular routes will run at 3pm.

All students should bring their chromebook fully charged with a charger, a calculator, and a snack for the 15-minute testing break. Juniors will not be able to get a hot lunch at the break. Freshmen and Sophomores will be able to get a hot lunch after testing concludes.

Freshmen – Pre-ACT 9 – Will finish at approximately 11:30- 12 pm. Students are free to leave. If a student requires bus transportation, they should report to the Student Center until 3 pm.

Sophomores – Pre-ACT Secure – Will finish at approximately 11:30- 12:00 pm. Students are free to leave. If a student requires bus transportation, they should report to the Student Center until 3 pm.

Juniors – ACT - Will finish at approximately 1:00 pm. Students are free to leave. If a student requires bus transportation, they should report to the Student Center until 3 pm.

Seniors – Will not be in attendance. Please use this day as a college visit day or other career related activity.

Students will have an opportunity to use the afternoon as a time to catch up on homework and will also watch a movie. There will be no classes running during the afternoon as most staff will be helping with testing.

Please direct your student to the link below based on their grade level so students can see the format of the test and materials they need to bring to testing. There is also a link to a free online practice test in each document.

Grades 9 & 10:

<https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/secured/documents/PreACT-Secure-Preparing-for-the-ACT-Taken-Online.pdf>

Grade 11:

<https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/secured/documents/TakingTheACT-StateandDistrict.pdf>

Thank you,

Tim Ulrich
Superintendent/ Principal