

Spring 2021 ACT Test Administration

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The State Board of Education is required by General Statute §115C-174.11 (c)(4), to plan for and require the administration of the ACT test to all public school students who are enrolled in the eleventh grade for the first time. Your student will take the statewide ACT test, free of charge on **Tuesday, February 23**. Check in for students begins at 9:15 am outside the February 11th Lobby (see enclosed for additional details). **Students are required to take this assessment in person based on North Carolina State Board of Education and ACT policy.**

The ACT is part of North Carolina's school accountability program. Colleges use ACT scores for admissions decisions, course placement, academic advising, and loans and scholarships. Students participating in the statewide ACT administration can select for free up to four colleges (or other reporting agencies) to receive their ACT scores.

Students who have taken either the SAT or the ACT before February 5, 2021 and have scores that meet the college readiness benchmark standards, do not have to participate in the statewide ACT administration. However, it is the student's responsibility to notify the school that they do not wish to participate in the ACT. Before submitting a request for exemption, students must have either SAT or ACT test scores that meet the following college readiness benchmarks:

SAT college readiness benchmark scores include the following subtests:

| Test | SAT Score |
|--|-----------|
| Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score | 480 |
| Mathematics | 530 |

ACT college readiness benchmark scores include all the following subtests:

| Test | ACT Score |
|-------------|-----------|
| English | 18 |
| Mathematics | 22 |
| Reading | 22 |
| Science | 23 |

Students may not combine test scores from prior, separate administrations to meet college readiness benchmark scores. All college readiness benchmark scores must be attained during the same test administration. For consideration of an ACT testing exception, students must complete a copy of the *ACT Testing Exception Student Request Form* (available at the school or from Ms. Spell (*just email a request for a copy*)) and submit the request to the principal or the principal's designee no later than February 5, 2021.

If you would like to request bus transportation for February 23 ACT, please click on the link below and submit by Friday, February 5, at 5 pm.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=H_vimqLeQ0yBIHYk_LuzDAEFm5Gz0NNHmrBjSG0XP7FUQkNUQVpPMUII_OVBLRIRZTkMxV0FEWTcwNC4u

If you have questions or concerns about the upcoming ACT administration at PGSA, please contact Ms. Kim Spell, ACT Test Coordinator, at spellk2@gcsnc.com.

Sincerely,



Howard Stimpson