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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The ACT College Admissions Assessment will be given free of charge to all North Carolina 11th-graders on February 27, 2018; the makeup date is March 20, 2018. The ACT is part of North Carolina's school accountability program.

In addition, the ACT results may be used at the high school level to identify students who need assistance with certain subject areas or academic skills, to evaluate effectiveness of instruction, and to make adjustments to curriculum to improve instruction. 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 16, 2018, and have scores that meet the college readiness benchmark standards, do not have to participate in the statewide ACT administration. However, it is the students' responsibility to notify the school that they do not wish to participate in the ACT. 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.

To be considered for an ACT testing exception, students must comply with the following:

- Before submitting the request for exemption, students must have either SAT or ACT test scores that meet the following college readiness benchmarks:

- **SAT** college readiness benchmark scores before February 28, 2016 include all of the following subtests:

Test	SAT Score
Critical Reading	500
Mathematics	500
Writing	500

- **SAT** college readiness benchmark scores after March 1, 2016 include the following subtests:

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

- **ACT** college readiness benchmark scores include all of the following subtests:

Test	ACT Score
English	18
Mathematics	22
Reading	22
Science	23
Writing	7

Students must complete a copy of the *ACT Testing Exception Student Request Form* (available at the school) and submit the request to the principal or the principal's designee no later than February 16, 2018.

If you have questions or concerns about the ACT, please contact Mr. Joshua Brown
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