

# FREE ACT FOR JUNIORS

## APRIL 2, 2019

The Parkway School District is providing all 11<sup>th</sup> graders the opportunity to take the **ACT** at school on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at no cost. Please review the answers below to frequently asked questions and see Mrs. Prange in Counseling if you have additional questions or concerns.

### Test Date and Location

- **When is the test and where will it be held?**

The test is Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at PCH. The test should take approximately 3½ hours.

### About the ACT

- **What is on the ACT?**

The ACT is made up of four curriculum-based multiple-choice tests (English, mathematics, reading, science). The composition of the test is:

- English Test – 75 items, 45 minutes
- Mathematics Test – 60 items, 60 minutes
- Reading Test – 40 items, 35 minutes
- Science Test – 40 items, 35 minutes

\*\*Please note – this year the district choice ACT will **NOT** include the optional Writing section

- **Is this a “real” ACT?**

Yes. Your score will be reportable to all colleges and universities in the United States. NCAA also accepts your score for eligibility consideration.

### Registration

- **Do I need to do anything to sign up for the test?**

Registration is not necessary. All juniors enrolled at Parkway Central are automatically registered to take the test. The required non-test portion of the answer folder will be completed **during Ac Lab on Wednesday, March 13.**

- **What if I have an IEP or 504 Plan that gives me accommodations on testing?**

ACT provides test accommodations in accordance with Title III of the Americans with Disability Act (ADA). Schools provide accommodations under different regulations. Thus, having a diagnosis and receiving accommodations in school does not guarantee ACT approval of those accommodations.

Requests for ACT-approved test accommodations for all students with diagnosed disabilities who are receiving special education services described in a current Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan will be completed and submitted by the school. You will receive notification from your case manager regarding the results of requested accommodations. For those students who are approved to test with extended time or multiple-day testing, the testing window extends from April 2-16, 2019. Your case manager will have information regarding your specific testing schedule and room assignments.

## **Test Day**

- **What do I need to bring with me to the test?**

Bring photo ID, #2 pencils with erasers, and a permitted calculator. You may use any four-function, scientific, or graphing calculator, unless it has features described in the Prohibited Calculators list: (<http://www.actstudent.org/faq/calculator.html>). Using the TI-89 is the most common reason students are dismissed from the ACT for prohibited calculator use.

- **What is not allowed?**

Eating, drinking and the use of reading materials are not permitted in the test room. You may not have a cell phone, media player, or electronic device of any kind in the test room (other than a permitted calculator) and you may not use them during scheduled breaks.

- **If I finish early, may I work on other things?**

No. You may not read or engage in any other activity that could distract others from testing. If you finish before time is called, recheck your work on that test.

## **Study Resources**

- **What are some study resources available to help me prepare for the ACT?**

- 1) **Testive**. When you log in to Family Connection, the link for Testive is on the homepage, in the top left corner, under Links. You may navigate to Family Connection from the PCH Counseling page. If you do not remember your username/password, please see someone in Counseling. The resource gives you diagnostic tests in each subject and then builds individualized lessons.
- 2) **ACT Prep Classes at PCH**. A free Saturday prep class taught by PCH teachers will be available in March. Take pre-tests and then attend sessions to help improve your performance. Sign up will be available online or in Dr. Power's office.
- 3) **ACT Website**. ACT has test preparation resources on their student site. The URL is <http://www.actstudent.org/testprep>.

## **Results**

- **When will my results be available?**

ACT reports that the test scores will be mailed to Parkway Central and the student's home address approximately 3-8 weeks after answer documents are received. Therefore scores will likely arrive between April 23 and May 28.