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Dear 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent or Guardian:

Washington County Schools will be offering the PreACT at no cost to 10th grade students on **Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 and Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Each high school will contact each 10<sup>th</sup> grade student with the assigned testing date for your child. Taking the assessment is voluntary, but we hope you'll agree to let your child participate.

**What is the PreACT?** The PreACT is a multiple choice, paper and pencil assessment that provides a practice opportunity for the ACT College Entrance Exam within a shorter testing window covering all four of the ACT test subjects: English (30 minutes), math (40 minutes), reading (30 minutes), and science (30 minutes). For more on the PreACT, please see the attached flyer from ACT.

**Why take the PreACT?** The PreACT assessment is the first step in assessing for college and career readiness. It provides both current achievement and predicted ACT test score ranges (1-36). Students will receive their item response report and detailed results to help identify specific areas of strength and weakness. Upon receiving the reports, students will be able to go back into the test booklet and look at what they missed on the assessment and why they missed it. This is the best test prep for the ACT College Entrance Exam, which is administered to students both junior and senior years. The PreACT also provides rapid reporting with results in 5 to 10 business days allowing for early and effective planning when thinking about course placement, intervention and support, and college and career planning.

If you have questions about the PreACT or ACT assessment, please contact Dr. Ashley Keys, Assistant Director for Secondary Education, at [keysa@wcde.org](mailto:keysa@wcde.org).

If you have questions about the testing logistics such as the daily test schedule, drop off/pick up information, lunch, safety protocols, etc., please contact your child's school for details.

Sincerely,

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# PreACT<sup>®</sup>



## WHY TAKE PreACT?

**FOCUS ON**  
CRITICAL AREAS  
FOR IMPROVEMENT.

**It's never too early to start getting comfortable with the ACT<sup>®</sup> test.**

**The PreACT<sup>®</sup> provides a practice opportunity for the ACT by helping you:**

- Identify your current academic readiness for college and career using your PreACT score report
- Predict how you'll perform on the ACT after an additional year of learning
- Determine skills you can improve based on your performance
- Explore how your career aspirations align with your interests

# Common Questions About PreACT:



## WHEN CAN I TAKE PREACT?

Your school will announce the time, date, and place. Look for an announcement that lists this information or talk to your counselor.



## WHAT IF I REQUIRE ACCOMMODATIONS DURING TESTING?

ACT provides accommodations for students who may need them for PreACT testing. Your school will request these, so speak to your teacher or counselor if you have questions.



## WHAT SHOULD I BRING ON TEST DAY?

- Three sharpened soft-lead (No. 2) pencils with good erasers
- A watch to pace yourself (no phones, please)
- Calculator for the math test (not required)
- Visit [act.org/theact/calculator](http://act.org/theact/calculator) to review the ACT calculator policy

## Benefits of PreACT

- **Test questions like those on the ACT**—PreACT gives you valuable practice, including questions and scores similar to those on the ACT test.
- **Ideas for improvement**—PreACT includes multiple-choice questions in English, reading, math, and science. Your scores will reveal your current knowledge and skills in each area. Since you get to keep your PreACT test booklet, you can go back through the questions and compare your answers with the correct ones after you get your results. This can help you focus on critical areas for improvement. The PreACT student report will give you targeted ideas to work on based on your subject scores.
- **Career suggestions based on your goals and interests**—PreACT reports include information about career possibilities, based on your answers to the ACT Interest Inventory, which you can use to start thinking about your future. PreACT reports also provide career suggestions based on your interests.
- **Practice gets personal on ACT® Academy™**—ACT Academy is a free online learning tool and test practice program designed to help students get the best score possible on the ACT test. Students can plug in their PreACT score and get their own personal path for improvement at their own pace. It's an engaging (and free!) way for students to improve their chance for success. Learn more at [act.org/academy](http://act.org/academy).

## Tips for Doing Your Best on PreACT

- Follow directions exactly, and don't be afraid to ask questions.
- Don't spend too much time on any single question. For difficult ones, choose the answer you think is best and move on.
- If you complete a test before time is called, recheck your work.

For more information about PreACT, go to [act.org/preact](http://act.org/preact).

## Message to Parents

PreACT provides you and your child with information that can help you select the right high school courses, think about ways to target areas for improvement, and even begin discussions about college and career.

PreACT helps identify:

- How a student is doing with the skills and knowledge required to succeed in college and beyond
- Areas where extra help or additional courses are needed
- Career possibilities that match the student's interests

Your son or daughter also may choose to have their information shared with colleges and scholarship agencies when they take PreACT, which can help them get discovered for college recruitment and scholarship possibilities.

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