



State Testing Parent Letter for the ACT® Test with Writing Spring 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Hawai'i Department of Education wants to provide college and career readiness support to all students as they plan their futures after high school. One way to determine student preparedness is through assessment. As a result, every JUNIOR will have the opportunity to take the ACT® test with writing at school on **Tuesday, February 23, 2021**.

- There is **no cost** to you or your family for this administration.
- Testing will occur at **SCHOOL**. By sending your child to school for the ACT test, you acknowledge the risk of COVID-19. Students and staff will be required to follow CDC guidelines to minimize the risk, such as wearing a face mask properly at all times, physical distancing, and frequent hand washing and sanitizing.
- **Please have your child at school by 8:10 am**, to allow for the temperature check procedure. Lunch will not be available from the cafeteria after testing, so please provide your child a snack to hold them till they are released. Testing will approximately end at 1:30.
- Tuesday, February 23, 2021 **only Juniors** will be allowed on campus for testing. All other grades will have no instruction provided.
- The testing results are college reportable which means your child may use these scores for admission to many colleges and universities.
- ACT will mail your child's score report to your home three to eight weeks after testing. This year students will also be able to log into their MyACT.org accounts to retrieve their testing results in approximately three weeks after testing.
- ON TEST DAY: Students should bring an approved ACT calculator (visit: <http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/ACT-calculator-policy.pdf>), watch (no smart watches or fitness trackers allowed), a snack to eat during the break, #2 pencils with erasers, and a **FACE MASK**. CELL PHONES and other technology will be collected at the door – it is advised to leave cell phones and these items at home.

The ACT with writing is a curriculum-based test that covers learning content for all students based on their academic strengths in English, mathematics, reading, science, and writing. Your child's score report will help determine his or her academic readiness for college. In addition, the score report will also provide career guidance based on your child's responses to the Student Profile Section and Interest Inventory questions.

For more information about the ACT with writing, please visit www.actstudent.org.

Note: Your child will not need to register for this test.

Together, The Hawai'i Department of Education and ACT will support your child in making plans for college and a career after high school. If you have questions or concerns please contact Samantha Silva at 266-7900.

Sincerely,

Stacey S. Oshio, Principal

Samantha Silva, ACT Testing Coordinator