

# SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

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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 using the online format on March 2 (Cohort A) or March 4 (Cohort B). Students with ACT approved accommodations will take the test using the paper format during the week of March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 should contact Mrs. Kliewer no later than February 16, 2021.

If you have questions or concerns about the upcoming ACT administration at SWHS, please contact Mrs. Kliewer. Thank you,

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