

Germantown School District

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Dear Germantown Families,

According to Wisconsin Statute, districts are required to assess high school students in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades beginning last year. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) partnered with ACT to provide these assessments. Students in 9th and 10th grade will take the on-line ACT Aspire in spring, which includes assessments in math, reading science, and writing. The state-determined testing window for administration of the ACT Aspire is April 25 – May 27, 2016.

On March 1, 2016, all students in the state of Wisconsin in 11th grade will be taking the ACT plus writing. This assessment is a paper-pencil, multiple-choice test in four areas: English, math, reading and science, with an additional 40-minute writing essay. In order to create the most optimal testing environment for students, March 1 will be a “Juniors Only” day. **High school students in grades 9, 10 and 12 will not attend classes on March 1.**

The ACT administered on March 1 is identical to the one offered at various locations on Saturday mornings. The intent of this early communication about the ACT is to help students make decisions about taking the ACT prior to or after the state-wide March 1 administration. The *Frequently Asked Questions* document might answer some questions that arise during this decision-making process.

On March 2, 2016, all students in the state of Wisconsin in 11th grade will take ACT WorkKeys, a paper-pencil test consisting of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information. The purpose of this assessment is to compare students’ skills to those required in the work environment. **Unlike March 1, this is a full school day for students in grades 9, 10 and 12.**

A parent or guardian can request an opt-out for his/her student for state assessments, ACT, WorkKeys, and/or ACT Aspire. A parent must submit a written request for student opt-out to the principal. All students opting out the testing will be documented as “not tested” for the school and district reporting.

Please access this website for additional information about these high school assessments:

<http://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act>. Should you have additional questions, please contact Mr. Farren, Germantown High School Principal, or Ms. O’Brien, Director of Teaching and Learning.

Sincerely,

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