

January 19, 2023

To: Parents/Guardians of Juniors at Glen Rose High School

Parents/Guardians,

All Arkansas 11th grade students enrolled in a public or charter school will be given the opportunity to take the ACT® during the spring of their junior year. The exam will be given at each student's school and can be used for all scholarship and college admittance purposes. The ACT multiple-choice tests are based on what students have learned in English, reading, math, and science. The ACT will be administered **online** at Glen Rose High School on <u>February 28, 2023.</u>

The ACT has long been recognized as one of the leading college entrance exams in the country and is accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the United States. ACT's College and career Readiness System provides a longitudinal approach to educational and career planning through assessment, curriculum support and student evaluation.

By taking the ACT, Arkansas students:

- Can have scores sent directly to colleges and universities.
- Make themselves visible to scholarship agencies.
- Will receive results in approximately 6-8 weeks.
- Will have an opportunity to research college majors based on their interests.
- Will have an opportunity to utilize the "World-of-Work Map" to explore career areas.

On February 28, 2023, an ACT test will be given and **paid for** by the state of Arkansas. Every Junior can take advantage of this test. All students must take this test on campus on that date. As a parent you have three choices for this test:

- 1. If you wish for your child to take the ACT test and have the scores sent to various colleges of your choice then you must return the form labeled **Grade 11 ACT Parental Consent to Release Student Information Form** (purple). Without this form being signed and returned your student will take the test but no information will go out to anyone but you. Should you want to send the scores later you will have to contact ACT and pay for this information to be sent to these colleges. The Arkansas Department of Education: Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (ADE: DESE) takes seriously its responsibility to protect the personal information of Arkansas students. In order to maintain the highest level of protection of personal information, it is the policy of the ADE:DESE that students' personal information from the Grade 11 ACT State and District administration shall not be disseminated, including to colleges and universities, without express consent.
- 2. If you do not wish for your student to participate in this ACT test then you must return the form labeled **Grade 11 ACT Refusal Form** (blue). This signed form will mean that your students will not be given the opportunity to take the test.
- 3. If you do not return either form then your student will take the test and no scores will be sent to any colleges, universities, other institutions, or scholarship gathering entities.

Your student will be given these two forms in LEAP class. Please make sure that you get these forms from your student and choose which option you want for the ACT test. Please return the forms to the school by Friday, February 3, 2023. Students may turn in the forms to their LEAP teacher, Mrs. Chaney, Mrs. Weatherford or the high school office. These forms will also be available in an electronic format (Google Forms) and placed on the school website at www.grbeavers.org under the high school tab.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Melissa Weatherford
District Test Coordinator

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