



*East Mecklenburg High School*  
*Testing Reminder*



**PreACT Test**  
**October 12, 2016**

This is just a reminder that your child will be taking the Preliminary ACT (PreACT) on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The PreACT is given at no cost to all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. It is our goal that all sophomores take the PreACT in order to assist in planning and preparing for the free ACT test they will take in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

The test consists of critical reading, mathematics, science and social studies sections, and has the same formats, directions, sample questions, and question types as the ACT, which many students take as a college entrance examination. The PreACT provides excellent preparation for taking the ACT; in addition, schools use the results to aid instructional and program planning. Most colleges now accept ACT scores, which has a more student friendly scoring system, in place of the SAT.

Please make every effort to have your child at school and on time the day of testing, so that we may begin promptly in the morning. It is better to encourage your child to be relaxed, rather than to encourage additional drill or extra study at the last minute. For testing, your child will need to bring to school two No. 2 pencils and a calculator with which he/she is comfortable. **Please do not bring mechanical pencils. Also, NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE PERMITTED.** Students found to be in possession of electronic devices, including cell phones, during testing will be excused and their tests will not be scored.

October 12<sup>th</sup> is a district early release date. Students will be dismissed at 11:15. Breakfast and lunch will be served on this date.

If you have any questions, please contact **Julia Mercabi, Accountability Dean at [juliab.mercabi@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:juliab.mercabi@cms.k12.nc.us)**.

Thank you for your support!



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**PSAT  
October 19, 2016**

This is just a reminder that your child will be taking the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The PSAT is given at no cost to all 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. It is our goal that all sophomores and juniors attend and test, regardless of prior testing exposure to the PSAT.

The test consists of critical reading, mathematics, and writing sections, and has the same formats, directions, sample questions, and question types as the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), which many students take as a college entrance examination. The PSAT provides excellent preparation for taking the SAT; in addition, schools use the results to aid instructional and program planning.

Please make every effort to have your child at school and on time the day of testing, so that we may begin promptly in the morning. It is better to encourage your child to be relaxed, rather than to encourage additional drill or extra study at the last minute. For testing, your child will need to bring to school two wood-barreled No. 2 pencils and a calculator with which he/she is comfortable. **Please do not bring mechanical pencils. Also, NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE PERMITTED.** Students found to be in possession of electronic devices, including cell phones, during testing will be excused and their tests will not be scored.

October 19<sup>th</sup> is a regularly scheduled school day. We will dismiss at 2:15pm. As usual, breakfast and lunch will be served during testing days, once testing has concluded. We will be on a modified after-lunch schedule for classes after testing in homerooms is completed.

If you have any questions, please contact **Julia Mercabi, Accountability Dean at [juliab.mercabi@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:juliab.mercabi@cms.k12.nc.us)**.

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