

Testing Reminder



**Pre-ACT
October 11, 2016**

**PSAT
October 19, 2016**

This is just a reminder that your Grade 10 child will be taking the Pre- ACT on Tuesday, October 11 and the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) on Wednesday, October 19. The Pre-ACT is given at no cost to all 10th grade students in North Carolina. All Grade 10 and all Grade 11 students in CMS will be taking the PSAT on October 19 at no cost as well.

The PSAT 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. If students are late or absent, PSAT does not offer makeup exams.

The PLAN Test prepares students for the ACT Test that they will take in Grade 11 and gives students a detailed career and interest inventory analysis. Grade 11 ACT scores can be used for college admission.

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction is administering the PreACT assessment to all eligible tenth grade students during the month of October. The PreACT assessment includes a pretest portion that will not be available to students through the state test administration. Parents and students can voluntarily access and complete the information that is included in this pretest portion and create an ACT profile at the following website:

<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/act-profile.html>

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. College recruiters for athletics and academics often require a PSAT or Pre-ACT score. For testing, your child will need to bring to school two No. 2 pencils and a calculator with which he/she is comfortable. Calculators are not required or provided but students may bring their own. Students found to be in possession of cellular devices during testing will be dismissed and their answer document will not be scored.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ferriell at 980-343-6900 or Stacey.ferriell@cms.k12.nc.us. Thank you for your support!