

## **ACT Aspire**

2020-21 Academic Year

### **What is it?**

The ACT Aspire test is a state-mandated, computer-based assessment given to all 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. It includes four curriculum-based tests that measure students' education achievement in English, mathematics, reading, and science. The ACT Aspire provides a measurement of being on track for college and career readiness.

### **Why is this assessment given?**

This test is given to determine if a student is on track for college and career readiness, to inform the problem-solving process, to evaluate the efficacy of instruction at different levels of the system (e.g. classroom, grade level, school and district) and to comply with Wisconsin state statute as well as federal law. This test takes the place of most of the WKCE.

### **Who takes this assessment?**

The ACT Aspire is given to all students in grades 9 and 10. Exceptions or modifications include any student who, through the IEP process, it is determined the test is not appropriate.

### **How is the test given?**

The ACT Aspire is a timed, computer-based assessment. The time allotted is approximately 4.5 hours.

### **When is the test given?**

The test will be given between April 5 and May 5, 2021. The specific dates vary based on each school within MMSD.

### **How will results be shared?**

Student results will be sent to schools and families approximately 4-6 weeks after the test is completed. School and district reports will be available after all scoring is completed from tests across the state. Reports will be sent home to families in the summer.

## **How does this assessment reflect my child's performance?**

As with any assessment, this is only one measure of your student's academic performance. It is only through *multiple* assessments (for example, teacher developed assessments, state and district assessments) that we are able to develop a clearer picture of your student's current level of performance as well as their growth over time.

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