

February 17, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The ACT College Admissions Assessment will be given free of charge to all Northwest School of the Arts first-time 11th graders on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. It is very important that ALL first-time juniors be PRESENT and ON-TIME for testing as the school is required to test at least 95% of the students for this test.

The ACT is aligned to the Common Core, the state curriculum standards initiative now accepted by 45 states and the District of Columbia. ACT results may be used at the high school level to identify students who need assistance with certain subject areas or academic skills, to evaluate effectiveness of instruction, and to make adjustments to curriculum to improve instruction. In addition, colleges use the ACT for admissions decisions, course placement, academic advising, and loans and scholarships. Students participating in the statewide ACT administration can select for free up to four colleges (or other reporting agencies) to receive their ACT scores.

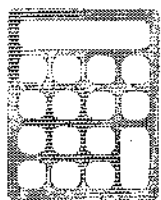
On Tuesday, March 1, juniors should report immediately to their assigned testing locations for the ACT administration. These locations are being communicated to all juniors prior to testing. Students who arrive to school after testing has begun will not be allowed to test. Students have received important information about the use of calculators and the ACT on the reverse side of this letter. All math questions on the ACT can be answered without a calculator; however, students are encouraged to bring their own.

If you have questions or concerns about the ACT, please contact Tim Sennett, Testing Coordinator for Northwest School of the Arts, or visit <http://www.act.org>, a dedicated website that is specifically related to the ACT.

Sincerely,



Melody Sears
Principal
Northwest School of the Arts



ACT[®] Calculator Policy

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ACT[®] Test
ACT[®] WorkKeys[®]
PreACT[®]
PreACT 8/9
ACT[®] Aspire[®]

This calculator policy is designed to ensure fairness for all examinees, avoid disturbances in the test room, and protect the security of the test materials. Examinees found not following this policy may be dismissed and their tests voided for prohibited behavior.

Examinees may use any 4-function, scientific, or graphing calculator, as long as it is not on the prohibited list and it is modified (see below), if needed. Examinees are encouraged to use a familiar calculator, but all problems may be solved without a calculator. Calculators may only be used on the mathematics test, including ACT WorkKeys Applied Math. Sharing calculators during the test is not permitted.

Accessible calculators (such as audio/"talking" or Braille) are allowed if authorized in advance of testing by ACT for the ACT and by the test coordinator for all other products.

Examinees are responsible for:

- Bringing—and using—a permitted calculator
- Knowing whether their calculator is permitted (for the most current information on the calculator policy, visit www.act.org/calculator-policy.html or call 800.498.6481 for a recorded message containing highlights from this policy)
- Making sure their calculator works properly and has new batteries, if battery-operated
- Bringing a backup calculator and/or extra batteries, if they wish, in case their primary calculator fails

Testing staff is responsible for:

- Monitoring during the test to ensure examinees are using only permitted calculators
- Dismissing any examinee found to be using a prohibited calculator during testing

The following types of calculators are prohibited:

- Calculators with built-in or downloaded computer algebra system functionality, including:

Texas Instruments:

- o All model numbers that begin with TI-89 or TI-92
- o TI-Nspire CAS

Note: The TI-Nspire (non-CAS) is permitted.

Hewlett-Packard:

- o HP Prime
- o HP 48GII
- o All model numbers that begin with HP 40G, HP 49G, or HP 50G

Casio:

- o fx-CP400 (ClassPad 400)
- o ClassPad 300 or ClassPad 330
- o Algebra fx 2.0
- o All model numbers that begin with CFX-9970C

- Handheld, tablet, or laptop computers (including PDAs)
- Electronic writing pads or pen-input devices
Note: The Sharp EL 9600 is permitted.
- Calculators built into cell phones or any other electronic communication devices
- Calculators with QWERTY format letter keys
 - o This does not apply to calculators that are provided in a secure test delivery platform.
 - o Letter keys not in QWERTY format are permitted.

The following types of calculators are permitted, but only after they are modified as noted:

- Calculators that can hold programs or documents: Remove all documents and remove all programs that have computer algebra system functionality.
- Calculators with paper tape: Remove the tape.
- Calculators that make noise: Turn off the sound.
- Calculators with an infrared data port: Completely cover the infrared data port with heavy opaque material such as duct tape or electrician's tape. These calculators include the Hewlett-Packard HP 38G series, HP 39G series, and HP 48G.
- Calculators with power cords: Remove all power/electrical cords.



In a computer-based testing environment:

- An on-screen calculator may be available. Test coordinators can check the administration instructions for details.
- Calculators may not be connected in any way to the computer or device being used for testing.

Note for ACT Aspire Tests

Calculators may not be used on the ACT Aspire mathematics test in Grades 3–5.

