



A great opportunity for your student: 11th-grade students to take the ACT college entrance exam

In April, Portland Public Schools will administer the ACT college entrance exam to high school juniors. The school district is covering all costs (the usual fee is \$46); there is no cost to you. The test is being given on a weekday in students' own schools, so they do not have to go to a different location on a Saturday to take the test the way students in most of the rest of the U.S. do.

Juniors in every Portland high school will take the test on the same day:
Wednesday, April 22, 2009.

Why take the test?

Almost every college uses ACT scores to admit students. If your student has not considered going to college, taking the ACT might open the door to that possibility, as well as to scholarships or

other financial aid that can make college more affordable. If your student plans to find a job after graduation, the ACT results are still useful because they will show whether our schools are helping students learn the skills they need for well-paid jobs.

The ACT covers English, math, reading, science and writing. The test publisher will mail your student's results to your home and will provide your student's school with a copy of the results. Students' scores won't affect their school grades, but they will want to do their best if they are aiming for college admission or scholarships.

Before the test, your student will receive information about how to prepare for it. Please help your student be ready for this great opportunity!

How can you help?

- Explain the importance of the ACT test to your student.
- Make sure your student attends school on **Wednesday, April 22**, rested and ready to take the ACT!