

Dear Jacksonville High School Parent/Guardian:

The ACT has long been recognized as one of the leading college entrance exams in the country and is accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the United States.

By taking the ACT, Arkansas students:

- can have scores sent directly to colleges and universities.
- make themselves visible to scholarship agencies.

All Arkansas 11th grade students enrolled in a public or charter school will be given the opportunity to take the ACT during the spring of their junior year, at NO COST to the student.

On **Tuesday, March 1, 2022**, Jacksonville High School will administer the paper version of the ACT. While we know that this assessment is one that all students should take, especially because it's college reportable and there's no financial obligation, you, the parent or guardian, is provided an opportunity to decide if you want your child to participate.

Please find attached a copy of the [Grade 11 ACT Parental Consent to Release Student Information Form](#). If you do want your child/ward to participate in the state and district administration of the Grade 11 ACT, at no cost to you, this form must be completed & returned to Jacksonville High School.

The Arkansas Department of Education: Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (ADE: DESE) takes seriously its responsibility to protect the personal information of Arkansas students. In order to maintain the highest level of protection of personal information, it is the policy of the ADE: DESE that students' personal information from the Grade 11 ACT State and District administration shall not be disseminated, including to colleges and universities, without express consent.

What this means for districts for Grade 11 ACT State and District testing:

- If students are not eligible students as defined by FERPA by the date of the Grade 11 State and District non-test session, they may not participate in the non-test session during which they designate recipients of their scores without express parental consent.
- Failure to return this form does not prevent students from participating in the ACT.
- There are still actions that must be taken prior to test day by students who do not participate in the non-test session. These are detailed in the guide [Taking the ACT](#).
- Even if a barcode label is used on student answer documents, students must complete the information in Blocks A and B on page 1 of the answer document and Blocks C, D, E, and F on the back page accurately to receive their score reports. These blocks are as follows:
 - A: Name and Mailing Address
 - B: Name
 - C: Mailing Address
 - D: City
 - E: State
 - F: Zip Code
- **Students who are not eligible students as defined by FERPA and who do not have express consent by the parent/guardian may not complete *Score Recipients* section in MyACT.**

Once students are finished testing they will have the opportunity to leave campus. **In order to leave campus, scholars must have their guardian's permission. Students will turn in the attached permission slip on the day of testing.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at tmiller@jnpsd.org or 501-982-2128 EXT. 4212. Thank you for your cooperation and interest in your child's education.

Thank you,
Mrs. Miller

Jacksonville High School
JHS ACT Post Testing
Permission Slip



Scholar Name: _____

On March 1, 2022, **all** Jacksonville High School junior scholars are required to take the ACT exam. This exam is mandated and paid for by the state. Once students are finished testing they will have the opportunity to leave campus. **In order to leave campus, scholars must have their guardian's permission.**

Testing is scheduled to end at approximately 12:35. Once all testing materials are returned, scholars will be released at approximately 12:40.

Scholars approved for extended time will complete testing at 2:05. Once all testing materials are returned, scholars will be released at approximately 2:10.

No scholars will be allowed to leave campus without this signed form. They must have transportation, scholars may not walk off-campus.

Your signature acknowledges that once your child has completed testing they are allowed to exit the campus.

Scholars will NOT be released early from exams. They must remain in class for the entire exam period and until all testing material is returned.

I give my son/daughter _____ permission to leave campus after the ACT Testing on March 1, 2022. I understand that my child cannot walk off and must have transportation to leave campus. Scholars who do not have transportation will stay on campus until the 3:51 pm dismissal bell to ride their regular bus home.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Contact Number _____

My child has permission to ride with _____