



March 21, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The ACT with Writing is a required Alabama State Department of Education assessment for all Juniors. The ACT with Writing will be administered to all 11th grade students on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. By taking the test on a regular school day students experience less stress when testing in a familiar environment. The ACT with Writing measures what is learned in high school and is used to:

- Determine your child's academic readiness for college classes
- Discover interests useful when exploring college majors, careers, and life goals
- Qualify for financial aid and scholarship applications
- Identify opportunities for college admissions and scholarships

**In an effort to provide the Juniors with the best possible test environment and adequate test administrators, students in grades 9th, 10th and 12th at Decatur High School and students in grades 10th and 12th at Austin High School will be VIRTUAL on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. Students not testing will receive assignments prior to test day and there will be no Google/virtual meetings.**

The ACT with Writing assesses a student's mastery in the following content areas:

- **English:** 75 questions, 45 minutes, multiple-choice. The ACT English test puts an examinee in the position of a writer who makes decisions to revise and edit a text. Short texts and essays in different genres provide a variety of rhetorical situations.
- **Mathematics:** 60 questions, 60 minutes, multiple-choice. The ACT mathematics test assesses the skills students typically acquire in courses taken through Grade 11.
- **Reading:** 40 questions, 35 minutes, multiple-choice. The ACT reading test measures the ability to read closely, reason logically about texts using evidence, and integrate information from multiple sources.
- **Science:** 40 questions, 35 minutes, multiple-choice. The ACT science test measures the interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem-solving skills required in the natural sciences.
- **Writing:** 1 writing prompt, 40 minutes, open-ended essay. The ACT writing test is an essay test that measures writing skills taught in high school English classes and entry-level college composition courses.

Juniors testing will be released upon test completion. Please note that students testing with time accommodations may release later than standard time testing. Grab and go lunches will be available. Transportation will remain at the regular end of school day time - 3:30. Students that are unable to arrange for an early pickup will report to the cafeteria following testing for lunch and remain until bus pickup at 3:30. Please contact your child's school counselor for more information.

Sincerely,

Decatur City Schools