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Dear APS Stakeholder:

This letter is to inform you of Agra High School’s choice to use the **ACT** as our test of choice in the Junior year to meet Oklahoma’s testing requirements.

What is the ACT? The **ACT** is an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admissions decisions. ... The purpose of the **ACT test** is to measure a high **school** student's readiness for college, and provide colleges with one common data point that can be used to compare all applicants.

Through the **ACT** exam process college admissions boards can judge a student's current level of knowledge, as well as their ability to reason and think logically. The **ACT** is one of the most **important** exams in a student’s educational career, and is a part of most colleges and universities admission requirements.

A common myth is that elite **colleges prefer SAT** than **ACT** scores. In reality, all **colleges** and universities which require standardized testing accept BOTH the **ACT** and **SAT**. And **college** admissions counselors have openly stated they **do** not **prefer** one test over the other.

Beyond the obvious applications to academic advising and counseling, high schools use the results to:

* Evaluate the effectiveness of instruction
* Identify students who need assistance with certain subject areas or academic skills
* Plan changes and improvements in the curriculum

Thank you for your time!