

To: District Officials

Subject: ACT State Testing: Your PreACT Testing Program

This email contains information about your testing program for the PreACT® test funded by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE). The following topics are covered:

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#### Introduction

Here's some background about PreACT. The test:

- Provides a review of academic progress in high school while there is still time to make necessary interventions to keep students on track toward educational and career goals
- Measures knowledge and skills in four core areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science
- Provides an early indicator of college readiness and acts as a predictor of student performance on the ACT® test

This fall, PreACT is provided throughout the state, funded by OSRHE. The information below is specific to your testing program.

# **Your Testing Window**

OSRHE selected **September 11–November 30, 2017** as the testing window for PreACT. Examinees can only test during this window.

# **Material Order and Return Dates**

The table below shows material order and return dates for PreACT.

| Event   | Dates                       |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Test materials order window   | August 21–November 17, 2017 |
| Note: You need to order materials 3-4 weeks in advance of your testing dates. |                             |
| Answer document return deadline   | December 15, 2017           |
|   |                             |

Note: Answer documents need to arrive at
ACT by this date to be included in scoring.
Answer documents received after this deadline
will not be scored.

# **Ordering Test Materials**

District test coordinators will order PreACT test materials for your schools by selecting the **Order Now** button at <a href="www.act.org/preact">www.act.org/preact</a>. Further ordering instructions will be provided to you when the window opens on August 21, 2017.

# **Accommodations and EL Supports**

For the ACT® test, ACT approves test accommodations and English learner (EL) supports. For PreACT, ACT does **not** approve test accommodations or EL supports. Granting accommodations and/or EL supports is a local (school) decision based on each examinee's accommodations plan.

For additional information, see the "Test Administration Guidelines" section of the PreACT Administration Manual on our website.

### **Training Webinars**

The following recordings will be available in the Training section on the Oklahoma page of our website:

- PreACT Implementation recorded training session (Test Administration)
- PreACT Score Report Interpretation recorded training session (Score Reporting)

#### **Score Reporting**

ACT typically ships student and school reports for PreACT to schools **3-5 business days** after we receive answer documents. We ship district-level reports approximately **15 business days** after ACT has received answer documents for all schools in the district.

For additional support for interpreting and using PreACT results, see our website.

#### Resources

Please visit these PreACT resources:

- <u>Planning for PreACT</u>: This document contains background information on PreACT, including information that may be shared with parents and students.
   Note: The dates found in Planning for PreACT are for the national testing program and do not apply to your testing program.
- Oklahoma testing program's ACT website
- The PreACT product website

### **Contacting Us**

If you have questions, please contact us using one of the following methods:

- Call 877.789.2925
- Use our Contact Us form

| Note: Our normal office hours are 8:30 – 5:00 p.m. central time, Monday – Friday. |        |
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