



# Holmen High School

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Dear Families and Students,

On Wednesday, March 19th, all 9-11th grade students will take the required state assessment. Grades 9 & 10 will take the PreACT Secure in the areas of English, Reading, Math, and Science. Grade 11 will take the ACT in the areas of English, Reading, Math, Science, and Writing. Grade 9-11 Students who take the alternate state assessment (DLM) will also be testing. Assessments will be administered online using student Chromebooks. State testing will be from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please do not schedule appointments for your student on this date. At 12:30 p.m. students who have completed testing can eat school lunch and then be allowed to go home provided they have made appropriate efforts to complete the ACT assessment. Bussing will run at the end of the day like normal for those students who will be staying at school and taking the bus home and those students who have extended testing time on these assessments. Here is a link ([English](#), [Hmong](#), [Spanish](#)) to additional information about ACT/PreACT.

No food or drinks will be allowed to be brought into the testing room unless it is needed for a medical reason. Your student will be provided a snack and drink during a 15 minute break that is taken during the testing morning.

I am also asking you to please tell your son/daughter to leave any/all electronic devices in their locker except for their Chromebook. Electronic devices are to include cell phones, watches, fit-bits, tablets, or I-pads. PreACT/ACT have strict guidelines about the use of electronic devices. Please make sure that your student has their Chromebook charged before arriving at school that morning.

On Thursday, February 27th all 11th grade students taking ACT will set up their MyACT account during advisory. This online account is where they are able to choose up to four colleges to send their scores to for free as well as receive their scores digitally. Test scores will also be mailed to your student but will take longer to receive compared to electronically. If students are absent this day, have them see their advisor for detailed step-by-step instructions on how to set this account up. Students have until test day to do so.

Below are links to practice tests and other information that will help your student prepare for these important exams.

ACT	PreACT Secure	DLM
<a href="#">Taking the ACT Test</a>	<a href="#">Practice Tests and Sample Items</a>	<a href="#">DLM Information for Families</a>
<a href="#">ACT Information for Examinees</a>	<a href="#">Preparing for the PreACT Test</a>	<a href="#">Areas of Testing:</a>
<a href="#">Preparing for the ACT Test</a>	<a href="#">PreACT Secure Online Practice Test</a>	English language arts and mathematics in grades 3-11, science in grades 4 and 8-11, and social studies in grades 4, 8, and 10.
<a href="#">Practice Tests and Sample Items</a>		

Please make sure that your student brings a calculator, their charged Chromebook, and receives plenty of rest on this day and has a good breakfast in the morning. Refer to the [link](#) provided as to the calculator policy. If a graphic calculator is brought in, it will need to have the history cleared. If your child does not have a calculator and would like to use one, one will be provided to him/her on the testing day, however, the ACT and PreACT both have built in online calculators for students to use during the math section. Students not able to test on March 19th will be scheduled for our make-up test day on April 1st. If you have any questions or concerns regarding state assessments, feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

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