

Parent or Legal Guardian Letter
North Carolina ACT State Test Administration for ALL Grade 11 Students
Test Date: March 11, 2026

*North Buncombe High School
February 19, 2026*

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

The State Board of Education is required by General Statute §115C-174.11 (c)(4), to plan for and require the administration of The ACT test to all public school students who are enrolled in the eleventh grade. Your student will take the statewide ACT test, free of charge, on **March 11, 2026**. Students participating in the statewide ACT administration have the option to select up to four colleges or other reporting agencies to receive their ACT scores for free. Colleges and universities may use ACT scores for admissions, course placement, academic advising, loans, and scholarships. Students are not required to send scores to college or reporting agencies as part of the statewide ACT test administration. The school day administration of The ACT will include four subtests: English, math, reading, and science. The English, mathematics, and reading scores will result in a composite score. Your student will also receive a separate score for science and a STEM score (science + mathematics).

Sending Student Scores to Colleges for Free

To send test scores from the state-sponsored administration of The ACT to colleges or reporting agencies, your student must create a MyACT account. NBHS will be assisting students in creating this account during our ACT Boost Camp on March 9 and 10 during the school day. Account creation is optional and not required if your student does not wish to send their ACT test scores to colleges or reporting agencies. The ability to use the four free score sends from the school day administration will expire two days after your student's test date. After that time, if your student wishes to send their ACT score report to colleges or universities, there is an associated fee.

A unique student code provided on the *MyACT Instructions for Students* document, which your student received in school, will link your student's state ACT test scores to their MyACT account.

If a student chooses to create their MyACT account, only the following information is required for North Carolina students taking The ACT during the school day, statewide administration:

- Name (first, middle initial, last)
- Date of birth
- Student code (provided by ACT)
- ACT high school code name (provided by ACT for reporting purposes)
- Mailing address
- Email address. The student must provide an email address to create an account.
- Score Preferences. The student may select up to four colleges or scholarship agencies to receive their ACT scores at no cost. This is optional, but only available through MyACT account creation. The free score sends opportunity expires two days after your student's test date. ACT will send all scores obtained through the state test administration to the colleges or scholarship agencies selected.
- Preferences. Students may provide a parent's first name, last name, and email address if they would like their parent to receive notifications about their scores. These notifications are the same notifications the student receives from ACT. Adding notification preferences is optional.

Note: Parents and legal guardians should be aware that ACT allows students to input additional information through the MyACT website. Any information voluntarily shared by your child within the MyACT website beyond the account creation criteria above may be used by ACT. The NCDPI does not require or condone the sharing of additional information with ACT, but if a student, parent, or legal guardian decides to supply additional information, the NCDPI recommends students and families review and understand the ACT Terms and Conditions and ACT Privacy Policy before doing so.

How Do Students Receive Information About the Test?

Students will receive the following information from their school: a letter for North Carolina juniors containing NC college and university codes, a *MyACT Instructions for Students* document containing MyACT account creation details, and a *Taking the ACT* booklet, which includes the following information:

- checklist for taking the ACT,
- terms and conditions,
- testing rules and policy, and
- information about sending and receiving scores.

ACT Testing Exceptions

Students who have taken either the SAT or the ACT before January 30, 2026, and have scores that meet the college readiness benchmark standards below, do not have to participate in the statewide ACT administration.

SAT college readiness benchmark scores include the following subtests:		ACT college readiness benchmark scores include all of the following subtests:	
Test	SAT Score	Test	ACT Score
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	530	English	18
Mathematics	540	Mathematics	22
		Reading	22

Students may not combine test scores from prior, separate administrations to meet college readiness benchmark scores. All college readiness benchmark scores must be attained during the same test administration. For consideration of an ACT testing exception, students must complete the *ACT Testing Exception Request Form* available from the school or the school's website.

If you have questions or concerns about the upcoming school day administration of The ACT at North Buncombe High School, please contact *Erica Smiley, Assistant Principal, at erica.smiley@bcsemail.org.*

Sincerely,
 Kevin Yontz
 Principal, North Buncombe High School