

WILMOT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



February 12, 2018

Hello Junior Students and Parents!

On Tuesday, February 27 and February 28, Wilmot Union High School will be administering the *ACT plus Writing* and *ACT WorkKeys* examinations. Both tests are state mandated for all 11th grade students. Recently, our faculty has engaged the Juniors in ACT preparation exercises and throughout February we will complete pre-administration activities in preparation for these statewide tests. **Attendance of Juniors on both days is essential.**

The February 27 **ACT** test will provide you with information about your progress toward college readiness and is widely used by colleges in making decisions about admission. Students who take the *ACT* will be able to share their *ACT* scores with up to four colleges or universities for free. The *ACT* test includes multiple-choice tests in English, Reading, Mathematics, and Science, as well as an essay writing test.

As we prepare for these exams, we wanted to let you know of a change we are making in our schedule. Your success on these exams is very important to your future plans and to our school, so on day one, February 27, we are going to dismiss you early to relax after a job well done! Additionally, we would like to celebrate your hard work with a “Junior’s Pizza Party” following the *ACT* test on day one.

On February 28, Juniors will take *ACT WorkKeys*, a paper-pencil test consisting of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information. The purpose of this assessment is to compare students’ skills to those required in the work environment. **Unlike February 27, this is a full school day.** Classes will run on a customary Wednesday block schedule with Juniors testing until 11 a.m. and then resuming their regular school day.

The schedule for both days is as follows:

Day One: ACT (early dismissal)- February 27

7 - 7:30 am Light breakfast snacks will be available for Juniors in room 180.

7:30 a.m. Arrival, identification, and seating of examinees
Testing room assignments will be given out during American Literature class on Monday, February 26th

7:50 a.m. Begin testing

12:15 Testing ends

12:15-12:45 Pizza!

12:45 Busing home is available with modified routes. Please know students may have to walk up to a mile to get home depending on their modified stop.

Day Two: WorkKeys (regular school day)- February 28

7:30 a.m. Arrival, identification, and seating of examinees

7:50 a.m. Begin testing

11:00 a.m. Testing ends- students are dismissed to their regular class schedules

Please help us to ensure the best test taking preparation for students. Encourage your child to:

- Eat a good breakfast these mornings. We will provide a light breakfast snack on Day 1 and small snack for students at break time.
- Get a good night's sleep before the test – at least 8 hours is recommended. Be on time for the test – not having enough time causes unnecessary stress.
- Wear comfortable clothes and dress in layers. Normal dress code rules apply.
- Students should bring a #2 pencils and a calculator.
- Cell phones are NOT allowed during the testing. Please leave phone in locker.
(Please see attached electronic device notice)

More information about the *ACT* and *WorkKeys* exams is available at <https://dpi.wi.gov/assessment/act>.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding in partnering with us to make this a positive experience for students!

Sincerely,

Dr. Renee Gugel
WUHS Associate Principal