

# Community Letter

## Why ACT®?

Once a year, Arcadia offers free ACT testing to students in grades 11 and 12. ACT test scores are a required element of application to many colleges and post-secondary options. A free administration of the ACT at our school ensures that every student who is interested in applying to college will not be financially or geographically prohibited from taking the test. In 2015, 59% of all US graduates took the ACT. The ACT is an essential part of college and career readiness. Historically, public schools have not offered free administrations of the ACT test and therefore saw far less participation. The Minnesota Department of Education now offers re-imbusement opportunities to public schools that participate in ACT Testing.

Arcadia Students will take the ACT plus Writing version of the ACT test over the course of two days, April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The first section will be administered on the 18<sup>th</sup> and will focus on gathering student information in regards to career interest and aptitude. The second section of the test is a formal assessment of the student in the areas of Math, Science, Reading and Writing and will be administered on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April. Test results will be mailed home to students and families.

For more information please visit the ACT's website [here](#).

Sincerely,

Arcadia Testing Team