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Dear Parents,

On Tuesday, March 20, 2018, all Montana public high school juniors will take *The ACT with Writing*. The test is provided to these students free-of-charge thanks to the Montana GEAR UP grant.

All colleges and universities in the United States accept *ACT* scores as part of the admissions process. *The ACT with Writing* is not only an option for college admission, but also provides opportunities for scholarships and early course placement.

The majority of student take *The ACT* without testing accommodations or with *ACT*-approved accommodations. These students will receive scores that are reportable to colleges, universities, and scholarship organizations and are accepted by the National College Athletic Association (NCAA).

The Montana Office of Public Instruction also provides the *ACT Online Preparation* (AOP) program free for public high school juniors taking *The ACT with Writing*, which provides access to practice tests and essays and content review. Students can diagnose their skill levels and develop a personalized Study Path. Please contact Mr. Turk at 962-3541 ext. 204 for more information.

ACT will send reportable scores to students at their home addresses within three to eight weeks after testing.

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact Mr. Turk or the Montana Office of Public Instruction at 844-867-2569 or OPIAssessmentHelpDesk@mt.gov.

Sincerely, Brice Turk