



December 18, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of Third through Tenth Grade Students,

As we look toward postsecondary education, it is important that your student is prepared academically. One way to determine student preparedness is through grade level assessments. Therefore, we will be administering the ACT Aspire Interim assessment to your student during the months of January and February 2020. The ACT Aspire is produced by ACT and is aligned to the College Readiness Benchmark Standards. It will give us important information that will allow us to determine how your student is progressing at his/her current grade level, as well as along their overall path toward future college and career readiness, as they prepare for the ACT.

The ACT Aspire shows important skills, abilities, and knowledge your student has now, and which ones still need to be learned in order to be successful in future studies. The assessment will help your student's teacher understand where your student is succeeding, as well as where extra help or academic focus is needed. ACT Aspire will also provide specific suggestions for improving skills as students prepare for the ACT college entrance exam.

Your student will be taking the ACT Aspire Interim assessment for English, math, reading, and science. The schedule for the ACT Aspire Interim assessment is as follows:

ACT Aspire Interim Assessment Winter 2020 (Computer-based)	
January 9-10	Grade 10
January 13-14	Grade 9
January 16-17	Grade 8
January 23-24	Grade 7
January 27-28	Grade 6
January 29-30	Grade 5
February 4-5	Grade 4
February 6-7	Grade 3

To learn more about the assessment, please visit the following link: [Why are students taking ACT Aspire](#). Should you have any questions about the ACT Aspire, please feel free to contact your student's teacher.

Sincerely,

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