



OCONOMOWOC HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Dear OHS Students and Families,

Our team is committed to helping every student explore possible career paths and identify post-secondary learning opportunities. With the conclusion of the course request process, you are already well aware of all of the ways we are working to expose you to as many career fields as possible. Now is the time to start thinking about post-secondary learning options to support your identified career choice. Even if you do not identify a specific career, it is our goal that every graduate has a general idea of their passions, interests, and best options for post-secondary learning opportunities, whether that be a four-year college or university, technical college, 2-year college, the armed services, or a skilled-labor apprenticeship.

Almost every post-secondary organization considers a student's academic performance when selecting students for their program. While grades, courses, and attendance play a major factor, many organizations (such as WCTC) also use the ACT Exam as a key measure of readiness for post-secondary learning.

The State of Wisconsin offers all Juniors the opportunity to take the ACT exam free of charge. This year, that paper/pencil exam will be administered on **Tuesday, March 12 at OHS.**

Students have already been registered for the ACT. Once students receive their scores 3-8 weeks after testing through their MyACT account or in the mail, they can use them to apply to college, technical schools, apprenticeships, or scholarships.

Testing Date and Locations

Students will complete testing in person at OHS on **March 12 in various classrooms from 7:20 a.m. - approximately 12:30 p.m.** Students may arrive as early as 7 a.m. to be checked into their testing location. Students testing with accommodations will test in smaller locations at OHS Main or East Campus. They should watch for a direct email communication in the weeks leading up to the test that states their test location, a letter outlining approved accommodations, and an approximate testing end time if they qualify for extended time.

What to Bring on Testing Day

Students should bring several sharpened #2 pencils with erasers (not mechanical pencils or ink pens), [an approved calculator](#), their student ID card (no photocopies or electronic versions), a beverage, and a nut-free snack to eat outside the testing room during a designated break.

Preparing to Take the ACT

Please review the [Preparing for the ACT booklet](#) (which includes a free practice test), the [Taking the ACT booklet](#), and the [ACT Behavioral Expectations](#) with your student before test day so they are prepared to do their best. In addition, students can access free IXL ACT Test Prep resources through Classlink to practice independently before test day. Resources for students and families, including information about taking the ACT and free ACT practice, are also available [here](#).

ACT Pre-Test Sessions

Students are scheduled for one 90-minute mandatory pre-test session the week of March 4 in Main Cafeteria 150 to receive test day information, complete pre-test demographic information on their answer sheets to conserve time on testing day and create their MyACT accounts if they do not have one already, which allows them to send their scores free of charge to multiple colleges and to receive their scores online. Students will be able to go back to class once their MyACT Account has been created or updated with the current test date information, they have filled out all necessary pre-test demographic information on their answer sheets, and they have completed the non-test information online in their MyACT accounts. Students should use a personal email account to make their MyACT account, as school Gmail accounts are inactivated after students graduate from OHS, and students may still wish to access scores at this time.

Students should report to **OHS Main Cafeteria 150** for their mandatory ACT Pre-test Session during the following assigned time:

- **Student Last Names A-D:** Block B on Tuesday, March 5 (9:35 - 11 a.m.)
- **Student Last Names E-Ka:** Block C on Tuesday, March 5 (11:40 a.m. - 1:05 p.m.)
- **Student Last Names Ke-O:** Block B on Wednesday, March 6 (9:35 - 11 a.m.)
- **Student Last Names P-Th:** Block C on Wednesday, March 6 (11:40 a.m.-1:05 p.m.)
- **Student Last Names Ti-Z and Make-Ups:** Block B on Thursday, March 7 (9:35 - 11:00 a.m.)

Students who are unable to attend their regularly scheduled session should plan on attending the make-up session during block B (9:35 - 11 a.m.) on March 7 in Cafeteria 150. Students may return to class once they have completed all pre-test requirements.

Please plan to bring a charged Chromebook and sharpened #2 pencils.

Make-Up Testing

Make-up testing will occur on Tuesday, April 9 from 7:20 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at OHS East Campus for registered students who miss the March 12 testing date. Students will automatically be registered for the make-up date if they miss the original test date.

ACT Schedule, Buses, and Lunch

Buses will run on their normal schedule, and students will be expected to report to school at 7:20 a.m. Students must arrive on time and be present in the testing room before testing materials are handed out at 7:20 a.m., or they will not be permitted to test per ACT regulations. Each portion of the exam will be given throughout the day and will likely end around 12:30 pm. for students testing with standard time. At that time, students will be able to leave campus or may choose to eat lunch/socialize/study in Cafeteria 150. Students can purchase lunch through the Test Kitchen in the Field House Lobby or bring a nut-free bag lunch.

Students testing with approved accommodations may be testing for a longer time or over multiple days. Specific testing schedules and details about approved accommodations will be sent home to these families individually. Location/Testing Rooms will be posted the week before the exam outside Student Services. Boxed lunches are available for purchase upon request for students testing with extended time, as they may miss the time the lunch service is open. Families wishing to purchase a boxed lunch (turkey/cheese sub, apple, and milk or bottle of water for \$5.50 or free/reduced to those who qualify) should contact Melissa Anders at andersm@oasd.org no later than March 6, 2024.



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ACT Schedule	
6:45 - 7:20 a.m.	Testing students arrive at OHS and report to assigned testing rooms. Breakfast is available for purchase in the Field House lobby.
7:20 a.m.	Seating and identification of examinees. Directions.
Approximately 8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (Timing may be longer for students with approved accommodations)	Test 1 English
	Test 2 Math
	15 min. BREAK in Field House Lobby/Cafeteria 150 (snacks available for purchase or bring a nut-free snack)
	Test 3 Reading
	Test 4 Science
	5 min. BREAK in the testing room
	Test 5 Writing
Approximately 12:30 p.m.	Tests end. Students who finish testing can leave campus upon completing their test or may choose to eat lunch/socialize/study in Cafeteria 150. Students can purchase lunch from the Test Kitchen in the Field House Lobby or bring their own nut-free lunch items.

Warm Regards,

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