The **ACT** is a standardized entrance *exam* used by most colleges and universities to make admissions decisions. The purpose of the **ACT** test is to measure a high school student's readiness for college and provides colleges with one common data point that can be used to compare all applicants. **ACT** measures a student's skills in four core areas: English, math, reading, and science.

• Fall District ACT October 17, 2023

- A total of 46 Seniors took the Fall District ACT. The district covered the cost for the students to take this test free of charge.
- Sign up is now in progress for the Spring State ACT that will be given in February 2024. Students will be able to take this test for free since the Kansas Department of Education covers the cost of this test for all students.
- Spring State ACT February 27, 2023 Sign Up Deadline January 12, 2024

The **WorkKeys®** assessments are the cornerstone of ACT workforce solutions. The assessments measure foundational skills required for success in the workplace and help measure the workplace skills that can affect job performance. Students take three **WorkKeys** Assessments-Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents-in the skills most employers deem important for productivity and trainability.

WorkKeys Fall October 4, 2023

• A total of 51 students in Grades 11 & 12 took the WorkKeys tests this Fall. The Kansas Department of Education covers the cost of this test for all the students.

PreACT 8/9® is for schools and districts who want to support their 8th and 9th graders with an early practice experience for the ACT test. It also provides an early indicator of college and career readiness that helps educators, students, and parents identify areas of academic strength and opportunity.

November 2, 2023

 A total of 78 students took this test this Fall. The Kansas Department of Education covers this cost for all the students.



The PSAT/NMSQT is used to determine eligibility and qualification for the National Merit Scholarship Program (which is what the "NMSQT" part of the name is for). It also serves as a practice test for the SAT. Over \$180 million in scholarship money is awarded annually to students who get high scores on the PSAT.

About half of the National Merit Finalists receive a \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship, renewable for up to four years. Many corporations offer scholarship money as well. In addition, many colleges offer scholarships to National Merit Commended Scholars, Semi-Finalists, and Finalists.

- PSAT/NMSQT October 24, 2023
- A total of 15 students to the PSAT/NMSQT this Fall. This test was previously given in a paper/pencil format, but this year it became a digital testing platform only



The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)—a congressionally mandated large-scale assessment administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)—consists of print and digital assessments in various subject areas. Three of these subjects—mathematics, reading, and science—are

assessed most frequently and reported at the state and select district level, usually for grades 4 and 8. The Nation's Report Card provides results on student performance based on gender, race/ethnicity, public or nonpublic school, teacher experience, and hundreds of other factors.

• NAEP-February 29, 2024 Parsons High School Grade 12 students will be tested.

