

ACT LETTER TO STAKEHOLDERS

Dear Soper Public School Stakeholder:

This letter is to inform you of Soper Public Schools' choice to use the ACT as our test choice in the junior year to meet Oklahoma's testing requirements.

What is the ACT? The ACT is an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admission decisions. The purpose of the ACT test is to measure a high school student's readiness for college, and provide colleges with one common data point that can be used to compare all applicants.

Through the ACT exam process, college admissions boards can judge a student's current level of knowledge, as well as their ability to reason and think logically. The ACT is one of the most important exams in a student's educational career and is part of most colleges' and universities' admission requirements.

A common myth is that elite colleges prefer the SAT over ACT scores. In reality, all colleges and universities which require standardized testing accept both the ACT and SAT. College admission counselors have openly stated they do not prefer one test over the other.

Beyond the obvious applications to academic advising and counseling, high schools use ACT results to:

- Evaluate the effectiveness of instruction
- Identify students who need assistance with certain subject areas or academic skills
- Plan changes and improvements in the curriculum

We are asking the stakeholders in our community to meet with our high school administration by September 30, 2020 if they would like to ask questions or voice any concerns about our decision to use the ACT test to meet testing requirements.

Thank you for your time!

More information on the Oklahoma School Testing Program and the College and Career Readiness Assessment can be found here: <https://sde.ok.gov/assessment-asministrator-resources-administrators>