

CERT Parent Information

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Your student recently completed an in-school assessment using CERT, the College Equipped Readiness Tool. The assessment, which is aligned with the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards, was designed to measure your student's proficiency in English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. Below is information intended to help you better understand the results of this assessment and any previous assessments.

What are the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards?

The ACT College and Career Readiness Standards (the "Standards") are the backbone of the ACT test, a test used by many colleges and universities to gauge the academic readiness of applicants. The Standards include the essential skills and knowledge that students will need to be college and career ready. While your student may not take an official ACT until 11th grade, we thought you would want to know how your student is performing now.

How does CERT work?

Up to three times per school year, your student will take an ACT-like assessment through CERT. The results help us determine each student's strengths and areas for growth with regard to the Standards in English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. CERT's detailed assessment reports help provide the supports your student needs as an individual. As a bonus, CERT offers teacher-controlled access to educational videos that explain answers, review important subject matter, and offer sensible test-taking advice. (Students can access this video functionality at <https://certforschools.com/>). We highly encourage students to use this free online resource.

Understanding Your Student's Course Report

Students can access a Course Report through the CERT program; the Course Report includes a score in each of the four subject areas tested. To understand how your student is currently performing on the Standards, you should compare your student's score to the benchmark scores (the "Benchmarks") in each of the four subject areas. The Benchmarks represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher, or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher, in a corresponding credit-bearing first-year college course. The Course Report also includes an estimated ACT composite range (listed below) to help you predict how your student is likely to perform on an official ACT assessment.

ACT Subject Area Test	PreACT National Benchmarks (Grade 9)	ACT National Benchmarks (Grade 10-12)
English	14	18
Math	19	22
Reading	19	22
Science	20	23
Composite	20	21