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CERT Parent Information

Dear Parent,

Your child 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 child'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 child will not likely take an official ACT until 11th grade, we thought you would want to know how your child is performing now, while there is still time to change things, if necessary.

How does CERT work?

Up to three times per school year, your child will take an ACT-like assessment through CERT. The results help us determine your child's strengths and weaknesses with regard to the Standards in English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. With CERT's detailed assessment reports, we are able to provide the help and remediation your child 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. (Your child can access this video functionality at <https://certforschools.com/>). We highly encourage your child to use this free online resource.

Understanding Your Child's Course Report

The Course Report enclosed with this letter provides, among other things, a score in each of the four subject areas tested. To understand how your child currently stacks up against the Standards, you should compare your child'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 to help you predict how well your child is likely to do on the "real" ACT in 11th grade.

ACT Subject-Area Test	Grade 9, and Grade 10 Fall Benchmark	Grade 10 Winter/Spring, Grade 11 and 12 Benchmark
English	15	18
Mathematics	19	19
Reading	18	20
Science	20	23