



Independent School District No. 51  
**FOLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

*"Developing the Full Potential of the Individual"*

Joel Foss, Principal

February 19, 2025

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2026,

Foley Public Schools is offering all students in the Class of 2026 the opportunity to take a College and Career Readiness assessment before graduation. Foley has selected the ACT test from ACT Incorporated for this purpose.

The ACT is a timed assessment that measures student achievement in four academic areas: English, Math, Reading, and Science. In addition to assessing academic progress, ACT scores are widely used in the college admission process. Students can submit their ACT scores when applying to technical schools, community colleges, and four-year universities. While some institutions no longer require the ACT for admission, many still use it for scholarships. These scores also provide Foley Public Schools with valuable data to assess curriculum and instruction, supporting ongoing improvements in student learning. We believe the ACT remains a valuable assessment and a worthwhile opportunity for students

Foley Public Schools will cover the cost of the ACT for all 11th-grade students taking the test on March 18, 2025. A makeup date is scheduled for March 20, 2025, for students unable to attend on the 18th. Foley High School will handle student registration for these test dates.

Taking the ACT more than once can benefit students, as colleges consider only their highest score. The ACT is offered seven additional times on Saturdays throughout the year, and many students may choose to take the test on one of those dates. The test fee for independent Saturday testing ranges from \$65 to \$94. The next available Saturday test will be held in Sartell on April 5, 2025, with registration due by February 28 at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Additional Saturday test dates and locations are also available at this link.

Please note: No additional registration is required for the ACT administered by Foley Public Schools, but students must register individually for other test dates.

Why Take the ACT on March 18? The March 18 test is highly recommended, as it offers students a chance to take the test at no cost and without sacrificing a weekend. Any student planning to apply to college is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Ultimately, the decision to participate is up to each student and their family.

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There are a number of preparation opportunities and activities that can be used prior to taking the ACT:

1. ACT Incorporated offers additional resources for students, including the [Preparing for the ACT Test](#). This packet contains valuable information and includes a practice test starting on page 13. Time management is often a challenge for students taking the ACT. The more students practice with timed tests, the more comfortable they will become with the pacing, helping to reduce time pressure on test day.
2. ACT Incorporated also offers an online practice test. This test provides a score report showing correct and incorrect answers, along with resources to help students improve their skills. For instructions on accessing this option, refer to the [MyACT quick start guide](#). Students will be creating their MyACT account and completing the Interest Inventory during Flex on Monday, March 10th and Tuesday, March 11th. However, students are encouraged to create their account prior to this date. Students can follow these [step-by-step instructions](#) for account setup which can be found on pages 1-6 of this guide.
3. Students can access free online ACT prep courses and events through [Kaplan ACT Prep](#). Available resources include half length practice tests, ACT pop quizzes, daily practice questions, and free ACT prep and college and career readiness classes.
4. Foley High School also offers an ACT Prep course through *Edgenuity*, an online learning program. This course is free for students. Those interested should sign up in the Guidance Office.

Since most students will benefit from taking the ACT, no action is needed for those planning to test March 18th or March 20th. All students will be scheduled to take the test unless the student and parent notify the school otherwise. **Students who choose *not* to take the ACT must return the form below to Foley High School Guidance Office by Tuesday, March 4th.** For any questions, please contact the Guidance Counseling Office at (320) 968-8416 or email [kbrenny@apps.isd51.org](mailto:kbrenny@apps.isd51.org)

Sincerely,

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**Return this page to the FHS Counseling Office by March 4th , 2025 if not taking the ACT.**

My student \_\_\_\_\_ will **not** be taking the ACT test at Foley High School on March 18th, 2025. We understand that this is a free opportunity provided by Foley Public Schools and have discussed this decision.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*You may also reply to this email to notify the Guidance Office that your student will not be taking the ACT provided by Foley Public Schools.

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