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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The State Board of Education is required by General Statute § 115C-174.22, to plan for and require the administration of the PreACT test to all public-school students in tenth grade. The PreACT assessment measures what students have learned in their courses and helps educators identify the information that students still need to learn to succeed in college or a career. Your child is scheduled to take the PreACT via the online format on **Tuesday, October 20, 2026**. The makeup test date is scheduled for **October 21, 2026**.

The PreACT simulates the ACT testing experience by providing students with early exposure to ACT test-quality questions. The PreACT is reported on the same 1–36 score scale as the ACT, but PreACT has a maximum score of 35. The PreACT also provides a predicted ACT composite score range. The PreACT assessment includes four multiple-choice tests: English, math, reading, and science. The PreACT is designed to help parents and educators identify areas where students may need additional academic support or remediation. The PreACT can also help to initiate strategic conversations between parents and schools regarding dual enrollment decisions, identify curriculum gaps, implement interventions on behalf of students, and choose Advanced Placement classes.

If you have questions or concerns about the PreACT, please contact Mary Gregory, DHS Testing Coordinator at mary.gregory@onslow.k12.nc.us .

Sincerely,

Page Highsmith

Page Highsmith, Principal