

October 3, 2018

Dear East Ridge High School Parent(s) and Guardian(s)

In an effort to prepare our students for success in high school and beyond, East Ridge High School will be providing a special opportunity for students on **Wednesday, October 24**. Students in grades 10-12 will participate in college readiness testing, college admissions testing, or college planning depending on their grade. We are excited to dedicate this day to better support our students for their future. The details are as follows:

Grade 9: It is the school district's expectation that all 9th grade students will work on academics from home on that day. Academic expectations, including assignments and due dates, will be communicated to your student(s) by individual teachers prior to October 24.

Grade 10: Grade 10 students will take an official **Pre-ACT** test. The Pre-ACT test is an official ACT test and is a predictor of ACT achievement in the areas of math, reading, science, and English. It is used to determine individual areas of academic strengths and needs, including analysis of student college and career readiness. Students will receive their test results in December.

- *Following the Pre-ACT testing ending at approximately 12:30, students will be dismissed and have the option to leave school. Students who remain at school will be assigned to a study hall for the remainder of the day.*

Grade 11: Grade 11 students will take a Mock **ACT** test. Students will be emailed a code from Kaplan to their school Google account that they will need in order to self-score their test. They will get results after they self score. This test provides an opportunity to practice the ACT and be given feedback on individual areas of strength and weakness. Preparation for the ACT is especially important since all juniors will be taking the official **ACT + Writing on April 24th**. We hope that this ACT practice opportunity in the fall will allow students to improve their college entrance exam scores.

- *Following the ACT testing ending at approximately 12:30, students will be dismissed and have the option to leave school. Students who remain at school will be assigned to a study hall for the remainder of the day.*

PSAT: 10th and 11th grade students who registered by September 18th will take the PSAT instead of the Pre-ACT or Mock ACT. Registration for the PSAT is closed. Students will receive their test results in December. For more information regarding the PSAT, please click here: [PSAT](#)

- *Following the PSAT testing ending at approximately 12:45, students will be dismissed and have the option to leave school. Students who remain at school will be assigned to a study hall for the remainder of the day.*

*** There is no alternate or make up day for the PreACT, PSAT, or practice ACT. Students may only take one test on October 24.

Grade 12: Grade 12 students may use this day to visit colleges, prepare application materials for post-secondary options, or research schools of their choice. Please see the linked [College Exploration Worksheet & College Visit Guidelines](#). This off-school time is designed to give students a college visit option that does not put them behind in their coursework upon return.

- *Any senior who would prefer to be in school will be enrolled in a monitored study hall.*

Schedule, Transportation, & Meals

- School start times will remain the same. *Students will be dismissed and have the option to leave school at the conclusion of testing*; students who choose to remain in the building will be directed to a supervised area.
- The school cafeteria will be open as usual with nutritious, protein-packed breakfast options available for purchase. Lunch will be available for purchase after testing.
- Bus transportation via regular routes will be available at the regular high school dismissal time at 3:05 p.m.

It is our hope that this consolidated presentation, testing, and college readiness day will better prepare students for college and career opportunities in the future. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to call.