



## *J. W. Mitchell High School*

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Dear Parent:

The state of Florida requires students to obtain a 350 or above on the Florida Standards Assessment 10<sup>th</sup> grade ELA test in order to graduate. Students who do not obtain the FSA ELA score may substitute an ACT Reading score of 19 or above to meet the requirement.

**We want to let you know that J. W. Mitchell High School will administer a non-college reportable ACT test experience on February 27, 2018.**

Students who participate in this ACT experience will be granted extended time in hopes that the extra time will give the student a better chance to acquire the necessary ACT Reading score of 19. However, because these accommodations have not been officially approved by ACT, student results from this test experience will not be shared with colleges or scholarship agencies. *It is worth repeating that the ACT scores earned during a non-college reportable ACT administration cannot be used for college admissions or scholarship purposes.*

### Background:

Normally, a student who receives accommodations on the ACT (extended time or special testing) has to apply for those accommodations. ACT approves those accommodations based on the properly submitted paperwork and documentation. ACT allows high schools to offer non-college reportable accommodations (during an ACT weekday test experience only) to students who might not otherwise receive accommodations due to not having an IEP or 504 plan. Because your student has not yet passed the FSA Grade 10 ELA test, we hope this non-college reportable, extended time ACT test experience will provide him/her with the best opportunity of obtaining the 19 ACT Reading score.

### Cost:

Students may participate by paying ACT's standard fee for the test. They will need to sign up in the media center no later than February 16, 2018. The cost for these students will be \$45. Students who meet certain eligibility requirements (listed below) may be eligible for a fee reduction or waiver.

- ☐ qualifies for a complete fee waiver (test fee \$0)
- ☐ qualifies for a reduced fee waiver (test fee of \$8)\*
- ☐ does not qualify for a fee waiver (test fee \$45)\*

\*These students will need to provide payment directly to the school by **February 16, 2018**. Make check payable to J. W. Mitchell High School.

Students may be eligible for a fee reduction if one or more of these scenarios apply:

- enrolled in or eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- annual family income falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service
- enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., Federal TRIO programs such as Upward Bound)
- family receives public assistance
- live in federally subsidized public housing or a foster home, or are homeless
- are a ward of the state or an orphan

If you have questions regarding the ACT Non-College Reportable administration, please contact Heather Bell at [hbell@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:hbell@pasco.k12.fl.us).

For more information on the test, please visit the [ACT NCR Website](#).

Thank you,  
Heather Bell

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