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NISD to Offer ACT Test for All Seniors

As part of its vision to prepare all students for their futures, NISD is offering an exciting opportunity for all twelfth grade students. On September 30, senior students at Byron Nelson and Northwest high schools as well as James M. Steele Accelerated High School will take the ACT test at their campus at no cost.

“In Northwest ISD, graduating college ready and future ready is a priority,” said Rob Thornell, Ed.D., the district’s assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. “Offering the ACT to more than 1,100 seniors is one of the first steps in preparing these students for their futures.”

Northwest ISD is one of the only districts in North Texas that offers the ACT to the entire senior class. The school district’s vision is to be the best and most sought-after school district in the state of Texas where every student is future ready: ready for college, ready for the global workplace and ready for personal success. Offering the ACT test to every twelfth grader will ensure all students graduating in the class of 2015 will have an opportunity to take the test.

The ACT test consists of four multiple choice tests: English, mathematics, reading and science. There is also one writing test. The ACT test is accepted at all universities in the United States. Strong scores on the ACT serve to exempt students from the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements at Texas colleges and universities.

Last year, approximately 350 seniors participated in the ACT test. This year, around 534 seniors at Byron Nelson High School, 587 seniors at Northwest High School and 23 seniors at Steele Accelerated High School will have the chance to take this exam.

“We are fortunate Northwest ISD has the resources to be able to offer this test to each senior,” said Northwest High School Principal Jason Childress. “This provides them an opportunity to kick-start their futures which is what we are all about.”

If students are not able to attend school on September 30 to take the exam, a makeup test will be offered on Tuesday, October 14. The district has provided information about the difference between the ACT test and the SAT test, tips for taking the test and more on the following website: www.nisdtx.org/act. Students are encouraged to contact their campus counselor for information about registration.

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