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Dear Parent:

The state of Florida requires students to obtain a 350 or above on the Florida Standards Assessment 10th grade ELA test and a 497 or above on the Florida Standards Assessment Algebra 1 End-of-Course exam in order to graduate. Students who do not obtain the FSA ELA score may substitute an ACT score of a 19 or above on the ACT Reading test OR an *average* score of an 18 or above on the ACT Reading and the ACT English tests. Students who do not obtain the FSA ALG EOC score may substitute an ACT score of a 16 or above on the ACT Math test to meet the requirement.

We want to let you know that Sunlake High School will administer a non-college reportable ACT test experience during the week of October 2, 2018.

Students who participate in this ACT experience will be granted extended time over several days in hopes that the extra time will give the student a better chance to earn the necessary ACT scores. Students will only need to sit for the section(s) of the test that will count for their graduation requirement. 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 <u>college</u> 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 and/or the FSA Algebra 1 EOC exam, we hope this non-college reportable, extended time ACT test experience will provide him/her with the best opportunity of obtaining the necessary ACT score to meet the graduation requirements.

The ACT consists of 4 sections, and each section of the test will be administered on a separate date. Students will only need to sit for the section(s) of the test that will count for their graduation requirement. Students who need the FSA ELA concordant score are recommended to sit for both the English and reading sections of the test. Students who need the FSA Algebra 1 concordant score should only need to sit for the math section. Students who need both ELA and Algebra 1 concordant scores should sit for all three days.

Cost:

For the 2018-2019 school year, students who wish to participate must pay ACT's standard fee for the test. The cost for these students will be \$42.50. Students will need to sign up in the guidance office.

If you have questions regarding the ACT Non-College Reportable administration, please contact Kelly Weber at <u>keduffy@pasco.k12.fl.us</u> or (813) 346-1000.

For more information on the test, please visit the ACT NCR Website .

Kelly Weber

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Request:

Sunlake High School wants to make sure that you and your student understand the purpose of this administration. Sunlake asks that you sign and return the below statement by September 14th if your student wishes to participate in this non-college reportable ACT test experience:

- I understand that the ACT score earned during this administration will count toward possible fulfillment of the FSA graduation requirement. Further, I understand that any ACT subject area or composite score earned during this non-college reportable accommodation experience cannot be reported to any colleges for admissions or scholarship purposes.
- I understand that my student will only participate in the section of the ACT that is needed for his/her graduation requirement.

Student Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Parent Signature:

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