



September 14, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You are receiving this letter because your child participated in the Grade 10 English Language Arts Florida Standards Assessment during their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year, but did not earn a passing score of 3 or higher. A passing score on this assessment is a requirement to earn a high school diploma. All students who did not earn a score of 3 or higher will participate in the Grade 10 FSA ELA Retakes during the 2020-2021 school year for writing and for reading. Our testing coordinator will communicate additional details about locations and times directly with students.

In addition to this retake, we will be offering a Non-College reportable ACT at St. Augustine High School on October 6, 2020. The cost of this is \$45.50 for students and can be paid for on SchoolPay. Any student who participates in this ACT/NCR experience will be granted extra time on their test in the hope that this will give the student a better chance to acquire the necessary ACT Reading score of 19 or an average of the ACT Reading and English scores of 18. However, because these accommodations are not officially approved by ACT, 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 admissions or scholarship purposes.***

If you are interested in your child working independently to improve his or her reading proficiency, your child can access the free ACT preparation materials available through the ACT website at <https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/Preparing-for-the-ACT.pdf>.

Our goal is for 100% of our students to graduate with a standard high school diploma. We still are encouraging students to register for the Saturday ACT and SAT. You can visit collegeboard.org and ACT.org for dates, times, and cost of these exams. If you have any questions about graduation requirements or assessments, please reach out to your child's school counselor. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Heather Naughton  
Testing Coordinator

**Request:**

SAHS wants to make sure that you and your student understand the purpose of this administration. SAHS asks that you and your student sign the below statement if your son/daughter wishes to participate in this non-college reportable ACT test experience and return it to Mrs. O'Steen in room B235 or Ms. Naughton in the back of the media center no later than Friday, October 2nd, 2020. **Please know there is not a make-up date nor are there refunds** if your child does not show.

- 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 score earned during this non-college reportable accommodation experience cannot be reported to any colleges for admissions or scholarship purposes.

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_