



# PORTAGE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Student:

Portage Central High School is actively preparing for the administration of the Michigan Merit Exam. The Michigan Department of Education requires all current juniors to take this test scheduled for March 9, 10 and 11. The MME includes the complete ACT Plus Writing on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The second day of testing will include the ACT WorkKeys tests including Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information and Locating Information. The final day of testing will cover Michigan Math, Science and Social Studies. **All tests will be administered in small classroom settings beginning at 7:43 a.m.** These room numbers will be posted in all English 11 classrooms and also throughout the school.

### The Significance of the ACT Component

Note that Day 1 of the MME is the actual ACT Plus Writing test. These ACT scores can be reportable to up to four colleges of the student's choice. This ACT test is free to students since it is the testing component of Day 1 of the MME.

### Special Information for the Mathematics tests

Students are reminded to bring their calculators for the mathematics tests.

#### Prohibited calculators

These types of calculators are prohibited (Check website for updates at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)):

- Texas Instruments: All model numbers that begin with TI – 89 or TI – 92 and TI-Nspire CAS
- Hewlett Packard: hp 48GH and all model numbers that begin with hp 40G, 49G, or 50G
- Casio: Algebra fx 2.0, ClassPad 300 and 330, and all model numbers that begin with CFX-9970G
- Pocket organizers, handheld or laptop computers
- Electronic writing pads or pen - input devices – The Sharp EL 9600 is permitted.
- Calculators built into cell phones or other electronic communication devices
- Calculators with a typewriter keypad (keys in QWERTY format) – Calculators with letter keys not in QWERTY format are permitted.

### Attendance and Off-Site Students

Every effort should be made to have perfect attendance during this testing window. In order to graduate from the Portage Public Schools, a student must take all components of the Michigan Merit Exam. Students enrolled in off-campus programs will be expected to attend all testing sessions. Students should inform their off-site teachers of their testing schedule.

### How you can help your student get ready

Most of our students have already taken tests similar to the MME, like the PLAN or the PSAT tests. Still, the more experience they have, the more confident they will feel about the format and thus the better they will perform. Sample test questions and answers for the ACT can be viewed online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

If you have additional questions about the MME or anything else, please contact your child's counselor at 323-5282. **Please see other side for detailed testing schedule.**

Sincerely,

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