



# Akron Public Schools.

DATE: February 4, 2019

TO: Parents/Guardians of

FROM: Academy Principal

RE: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

As part of the 2018-19 educational school year, the State of Ohio mandates all 11th grade students across the state to take either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT) on one of three specified dates. Akron Public Schools have chosen to administer the ACT to our students on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. This date will be the last opportunity for our students to take a *free* ACT provided by the state. Successful scoring on this test will result in our students meeting graduation requirements, taking college level courses during their senior year (College Credit Plus) and moving one step closer to post-high school planning.

Due to the importance of this test, we are going to greater lengths to create a testing environment that is optimal for student success. Please note that our primary goal for all our 11th grade students is to complete the ACT in a quiet, distraction-free environment. As a result, **9th, 10th and 12th graders will not report to school Wednesday, February 20, 2019.** Only juniors and identified students will be permitted to attend school; these students will receive written letters, all call phone messages and other reminders during the upcoming weeks leading to the assessment.

College Credit Plus students in grades 9, 10, and 12 must attend college classes. College Credit Plus students in 11th grade must communicate with their professor(s) that they will be taking the ACT on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. The district will provide students with a letter to share with their professor(s). ACT guidelines require us to ensure that all testing rooms are free from distractions and variations. This means we will have synchronized start times. The official ACT will begin no later than 9:00 am. Our building will open at 7:40 am to accommodate breakfast with registration beginning at 8:05 am.

### Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at a Glance

Grade Level	Assignment	Notes
9th and 10th	Complete the <b>English and Reading Practice ACT</b> assignments at home and submit them in order to receive attendance credit for Wednesday, February 20, 2019	Students will complete this assignment online. If students cannot access wifi, they will report to the Public Library or their school for assistance.
11th	Report to School to Complete the State Mandated ACT College Entrance Exam Wednesday, February 20, 2019	7:30 am - 8:05 Breakfast 8:05 am Registration ACT Test 9:00 am - 12:30 pm 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm Grab and Go Lunch/Dismissal
12th	Participate in one of the following: College Visit Senior Project Community Service Hours Work	Students will submit a letter indicating which of the options they will be doing on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. A parent/guardian signature is required on the form for attendance validation.

Should you have any further questions about this day, please contact **Kim Sabetta at (330) 761-2665.**

## PLATO Test Packs

### Pre-Assessment Directions

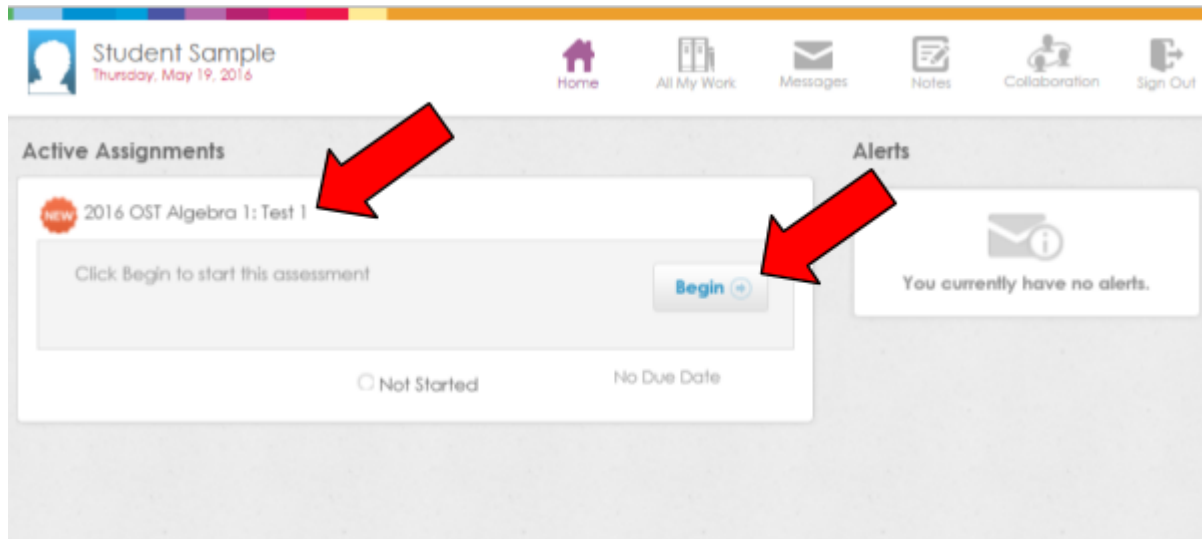
1. **Login** to your PLATO through your APS Portal, Career Cruising (or go to [ple.platoweb.com](http://ple.platoweb.com))

**Account Login:** aps1

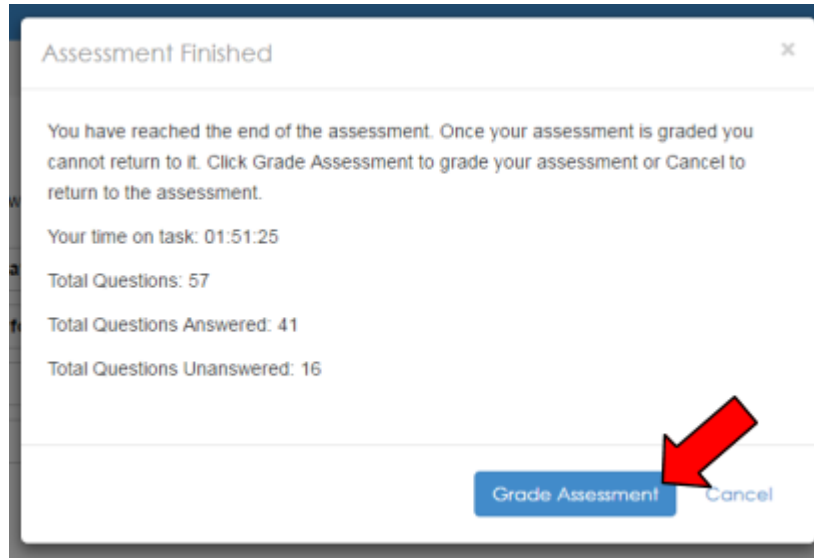
**PLATO Name:** stu + student ID# (example: **stu123456**)

**Password:** student ID# (example: **123456**)

2. Locate your **OST Test Prep Assignment**, for either English, Mathematics, and/or Reading. If there are two assignments, focus on the one your counselor told you to focus on.
3. Click **Begin** to start the pre-assessment.



4. **Answer ALL assessment questions** to the best of your ability! **This is IMPORTANT because PLATO will then provide you with modules for JUST the areas in which you are weak.**
5. Once you are finished, you will click **grade assessment**. Make sure you answered ALL the questions.



6. Congratulations! You've completed your pre-assessment. You may now click **ok** to begin working through your modules and preparing yourself for the Ohio's State Test. Good Luck!

