

December 2, 2009

Dear Parents of 10th Grade students:

This month we are excited to offer the PLAN test to every sophomore at Western High School. The PLAN test is a national standardized test which covers the four content areas of mathematics, reading, science, and English. It has been offered in the past to sophomores at their request however we feel that the results of this test are significant for all students, parents and the school in helping students prepare for the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) which is required of all juniors. The PLAN is a pre-ACT test and the ACT is a major component of the MME. Other benefits for students and parents include:

- how well your student is prepared for post secondary education compared to other 10th graders
- focus on areas to improve upon and aid in course selection for junior and senior year
- provide guidance for test preparation to improve ACT scores
- gives an estimated ACT Composite score
- identifies areas of strength and weakness in content areas

In addition, it will help provide feedback to the school on how well our 10th graders are doing compared to other 10th graders nationally. We will be able to use the results to better direct students in course selection as well as identify what areas students need to focus and prepare for. We will also plan a meeting in the evening to help parents understand the results of the test. The date will be determined once the results are returned.

The test will be given on December 8th from 7:30 -10:30 AM at the High School. We hope that you will help us encourage your student to come to school that day well rested and prepared. The results of this test will give you and your student a preview of how well they will do on the ACT so it is important for them to take advantage of this opportunity. Below is the web site for the PLAN test which contains detailed information, practice tests and other items. Results will available in the spring. Call with questions between 7:30AM and 2:30 PM @ 662-8841.

http://www.act.org/plan/pdf/plan_why_take.pdf

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Sincerely,

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