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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your student's *ACT Aspire*® score report is here! You will receive one report. This report contains valuable information about your student's skills and can help answer three important questions.

- 1. Where does your student stand right now?** *ACT Aspire* shows students' strengths and areas for improvement in up to five subject areas: English, math, reading, science and writing. Students in Grades 3-10 participated in all five-subject tests. In addition to individual scores, supplemental scores are included based on subjects tested. Supplemental scores include English Language Arts that averages your English, Reading and Writing test scores, and STEM, which averages your Science and Mathematics test scores. This report also shows how students performed in specific skill areas within each subject as well as how their scores compare to those of other students who have taken *ACT Aspire* nationally.
- 2. How can your student scores be used?** The scores students achieve on the *ACT Aspire* tests can help inform students, teachers, and parents about student performance and growth. Looking at particular areas of strength and weakness can help schools determine what students need and where they may need to be challenged. High School students can use this information to plan coursework and set goals.
- 3. Is my student performing at the expected level for his or her grade?** Your student's *ACT Aspire* score report refers to ACT Readiness Benchmarks, ACT Readiness Ranges, and, if he or she is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or above, a Progress Toward Career Readiness indicator. The scale scores for each subject are measured against the ACT Readiness Benchmarks to identify whether students are on target to meet the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks by the time they take the ACT test. For each test your child received one of the following performance level indicators: **In Need of Support** – substantially below the ACT Readiness Benchmark; **Close** – below but near the ACT Readiness Benchmark; **Ready** – on target for meeting the ACT Readiness Benchmark, or **Exceeding** – substantially above the ACT Readiness Benchmark.

Resources at [www.discoveractaspire.org/parent-overview](http://www.discoveractaspire.org/parent-overview) can help you interpret your student's *ACT Aspire* student score report. Visit and download:

*Understanding Your ACT Aspire Results* <http://avocet.pearson.com/ArkansasACTAspire/Home#11535>

Or watch the video *Understanding Your ACT Aspire Student Score Reports* for students and parents <https://actaspire.tms.pearson.com/Modules/Launch?moduleId=52>.

Regards,

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