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Answering Your Questions About PreACT

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Goals

- Discuss partnership between OCHE & OPI
- Learn about the PreACT
- Learn benefits of PreACT assessment
- ACT & college readiness
- Timelines for administering PreACT
- Collect information to take back to your school
- Ask questions

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PreACT in Montana

- 10th grade assessment brought forward through a partnership between The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) and The Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
- Montana GEAR UP (OCHE) provides financial support & OPI provides logistical support for the project
- OCHE & OPI also partner to provide ACT to 11th grade students

Benefits of the PreACT (Students)

- Pre ACT provides a shortened mirror of ACT
  - Covers same skills (English, Math, Reading, Science)
- Similar Scoring – PreACT 1-35 vs ACT 1-36
- Allows students valuable practice opportunity
- Interest inventory provides personalized view of college & career alignment

Benefits of the PreACT (School)

- Low-stakes and flexible administration
- Rapid turnaround for results (2-4 weeks after ACT receives answer documents)
- Valuable data for school planning

ACT & College Readiness

- Improvement in ACT test scores in schools that implement the PreACT
- Students who complete the interest inventory show an increased fit between interests and planned major
- More likely to send ACT scores to multiple institutions both in and out of state

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Implementing PreACT in 2020

- PreACT Test Window March 9 – April 17
- Online Webinar February 4 @ 3:30 MDT
- Order materials online February 10 – March 27
- Be sure to order your materials during the appropriate time frame

Steps to Implement PreACT

- **Orientation**
  - Mark the important dates on your schedule
    - March 9-April 17
  - Become familiar with information on Montana PreACT site
  - Watch for emails from ACT

Steps to Implement PreACT

- **Configuration**
- Order your materials during the ordering window
  - Allow 3 weeks
  - Place orders through CCRIS online ordering system
- Select appropriate contacts with appropriate duties
- Select appropriate organization
- Order one PreACT test material package for each student

Steps to Implement PreACT

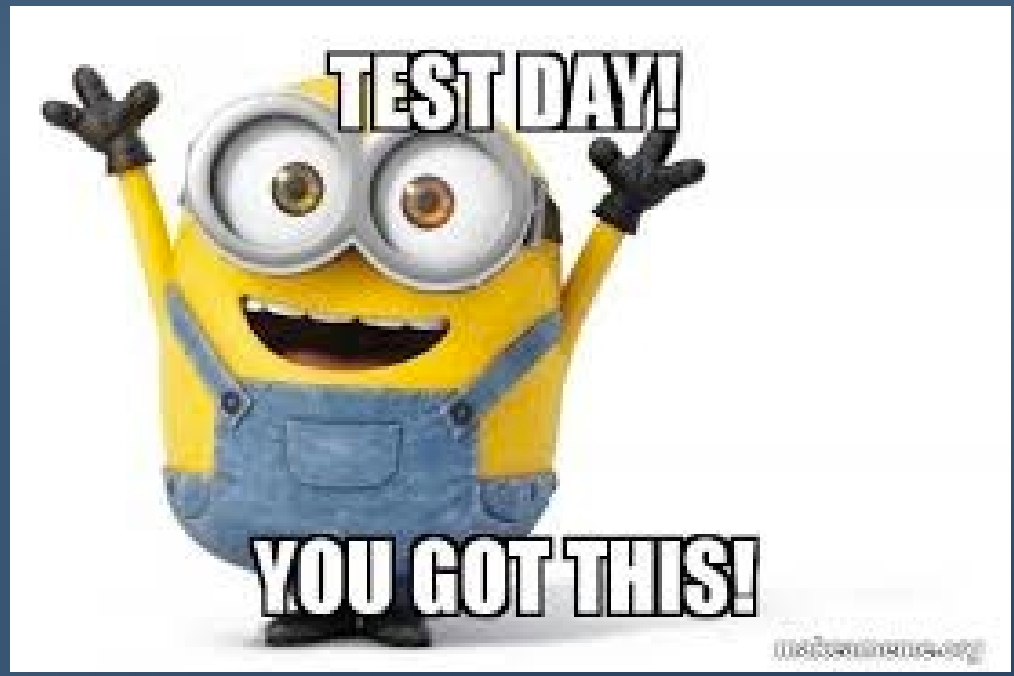
- **Verification**
- Arrange for Accommodations
- Refer to Montana ACT website for information on PreACT Accommodations Manuals

Steps to Implement PreACT

- **Preparation**
- Prepare Facility (Rooms & Location)
- Prepare Staff (Duties & Training)
  - Online Training
- Prepare Testing Materials (Review Check-In and Security of Materials)
- Plan 60 Minutes to complete the assessment

Steps to Implement PreACT

- **Administration**
- Administer the test according to PreACT Administration Manual
- Make sure examinees properly fill out forms



Steps to Implement PreACT

- **Transportation**
- Complete post test activities per PreACT Administration Manual
- Return materials to ACT

Steps to Implement PreACT

- **Interpretation**
- Interpretive guide to understand results
- Use results to guide future success and preparation

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Materials

- Montana PreACT Schedule of Events
- PreACT: Help Students Before and Beyond College
- Examining Effects of PreACT Adoption on College Readiness Outcomes

Questions

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Thank You

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