



EAGLE HIGH SCHOOL

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January 5, 2012

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of the Class of 2013:

The Idaho State Department of Education has contracted with The College Board to provide the **SAT** or **ACCUPLACER** test free of charge to students in their junior year of high school. On **Wednesday, April 18, 2012**, the SAT will be given to members of the class of 2013 who are enrolled in the Joint School District No.2 at **no cost**. School for grades K-10 will not be in session on April 18th. Seniors will be presenting their Senior Projects at Eagle High School and Juniors will be required to take the SAT at Eagle Middle School.

Either the SAT or the ACCUPLACER test will fulfill the new Idaho State High School Graduation Requirement of a college entrance exam. (The ACCUPLACER, however, may not fulfill all college/university entrance requirements.) The ACT and COMPASS tests also fulfill the requirement for high school graduation but will not be paid for by the Idaho State Department of Education. (More information on the SAT, ACCUPLACER, ACT, COMPASS tests and the High School Graduation Requirement can be found on the reverse side of this letter.)

As part of the SAT contract, the College Board will provide all participating students with free access to The Official SAT Online Course for one full calendar year. Among other features, up to 10 practice tests are available through this Course. (More information regarding this free preparatory course can also be found on the reverse of this letter.)

- **To help us organize for the SAT testing date, please fill out the information below and return it via mail or student to the Counseling Office by January 13, 2012.**

If you have any questions about whether a student should take the SAT or ACCUPLACER test, please contact Kelly Goughnour at 350-4235.

Sincerely,

Kelly Goughnour
Assistant Principal

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Student First Name _____ Student Last Name _____
Please Print

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____

- My student **will participate in the SAT testing and will need** district transportation on April 18, 2012 to be administered at Eagle Middle School.
- My student **will participate in the SAT testing and will not need** district transportation on April 18, 2012 to be administered at Eagle Middle School.
- I would like my student **to opt out of the free SAT test** and instead **opt for the free ACCUPLACER test**. I realize that, unlike an ACT or SAT test, the ACCUPLACER may not fulfill all college/university entrance requirements. *(Date to be determined.)*
- My student **will not be participating in the free SAT** on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. Instead, my student has taken or is registered for an SAT, ACT, COMPASS or ACCUPLACER test to fulfill the High School Graduation Requirement. **Attach proof of registration or test results.**

Return form by January 13, 2012

Please see back for more information.

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Payment for the College Entrance Examination for the Class of 2013

The Idaho State Department of Education has contracted with the College Board to deliver the **SAT** or **ACCUPLACER** statewide beginning in the spring of 2012. The Idaho State Department of Education will pay for one test for all 11th grade students enrolled in an Idaho public school. Students can take either the SAT (to be given on April 18, 2012) or the ACCUPLACER (date to be determined). If, however, a student wishes to take an ACT or COMPASS test to meet the graduation requirement, he/she will do so at his/her cost. The fee for an ACT or COMPASS will not be paid for by the Idaho State Department of Education.

Idaho State Graduation Requirement

Idaho Administrative Code 08.02.03.105.03

03. College Entrance Examination. (Effective for all public school students who enter high school at the 9th grade level in fall 2009 or later.)

- a) A student must take one (1) of the following college entrance examinations before the end of the student's eleventh grade year: COMPASS, ACCUPLACER, ACT or SAT. Scores must be included in the Learning Plan.
- b) A student may elect an exemption from the college entrance exam requirement if the student is:
 - i. Enrolled in a special education program and has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) that specifies accommodations not allowed for a reportable score on the approved tests; or
 - ii. Enrolled in a Limited English Proficient (LEP) program for three (3) academic years or less.

FREE SAT Preparatory Course

To prepare students for the SAT, the Idaho State Board has contracted with the College Board to provide students with **free access to the Official SAT Online Course**. This one-year subscription gives your child unlimited access to one of the most effective SAT practice tools including: 18 lessons with interactive activities; 10 practice test with over 600 practice questions; personalized score reports and detailed answer explanations. **To register for the Official SAT Online Course:**

1. Go to: satonlinecourseschool.org
2. In the "Students" box, click "Register Now".
3. Enter our school code **130177**
4. First time users will create a new account; returning users will sign in using established account.

College Entrance Exams

- The **SAT** (Scholastic Aptitude Test) is a college entrance exam that measures critical thinking skills and assesses how well you analyze and solve problems. Each edition of the SAT includes **critical reading, math, and a writing section**. More information can be found on the SAT website at www.collegeboard.org.
- The Idaho State Department of Education is encouraging students to take the SAT; however, it understands that the **ACCUPLACER** may be a more appropriate avenue for some students. The ACCUPLACER is an online assessment series which will be made up of 2 testing sessions:
 1. A required **Diagnostic Test** taken in the student's junior year that will help with 12th grade course placement, and,
 2. An **optional College Placement Test**, taken in the student's senior year and paid for by the state, that will help colleges/universities with course placement. This Placement Test may not fulfill all college/university entrance requirements.
- The **ACT** (American College Test) is a college entrance exam that measures knowledge and skills acquired during high school. It includes questions in **English, math, reading and science reasoning**. Additional information and testing dates for the current year are available online at www.actstudent.org.
- The **COMPASS** (Computer-adaptive Placement, Assessment & Support System) is a comprehensive, computer-adaptive testing system that helps place students into appropriate courses and maximizes the information post-secondary schools need to ensure student success. The COMPASS test measures a student's ability in **mathematics, reading and writing**. The COMPASS is **commonly used by community (2 year) colleges and vocational schools** for placing students into appropriate courses. As with the ACCUPLACER, this test may not fulfill all college/university entrance requirements.