



## Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)

### 20-21 ACT Aspire Spring Testing Information

#### Little Rock School District Dunbar Middle School

#### **What is the purpose of the ACT Aspire tests?**

Research shows that the earlier we measure progress toward meeting educational standards, the more we can strengthen a student's chances to stay on target to be college and career ready upon graduating high school. While state tests are not the only tool used to determine your child's progress, consistent administration enables educators to see each student's growth over time. The data from these tests inform teachers as they meet student needs. These assessments ensure that all students in Arkansas public schools have an equal opportunity to demonstrate grade-level and subject area proficiency.

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#### **What ACT Aspire tests will your student take?**

Grades 3-10 – Reading, Writing, English, Math, Science

The ACT Aspire is a 4.5 to 5 hour online criterion-referenced assessment. Arkansas will give the ACT Aspire for the fifth year in 20-21. Parents will receive score reports which will provide information regarding each student's individual progress.

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#### **What can you do to help your student do his/her best on the ACT Aspire test?**

- Encourage your student to do his/her best.
- Remind your student that the assessment is not a grade and will allow teachers to help him/her.
- Make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and eats a good breakfast on test day.
- Arrive on time for the assessment.

#### **How is the district providing a safe environment for your student?**

To ensure the safety of your child during testing, Little Rock School District is implementing the following safety measures based on the guidance of the CDC and Dept. of Health. Parents may contact the building/district leader for additional information to discuss additional flexibilities needed to meet individual student needs.

1. Mandatory Masks
2. Small class sizes
3. Exam given on individual devices

Your child is scheduled to test at Dunbar Middle School on the following days and times.

#### In-Person Students

- Monday, April 12 through Thursday, April 15 at 8:45 a.m. each day

#### Virtual Students (must come on campus to test)

- Friday, April 16, 2021 at 8:45 a.m.
- Breakfast will be served at 8:05 a.m.
- Students will be dismissed at 3:45 p.m.