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MEMORANDUM NO. 2018-085

TO: School District Superintendents
High School Principals
Assessment Coordinators
High School Test Coordinators

FROM: Dianne Bailey, Chief Operations Officer

DATE: August 20, 2018

SUBJECT: ACT Pre-Survey Information for Parents

ACT PRE-TEST SURVEY GUIDANCE

[2017 Wyoming Session Laws, Ch. 120, Sec. 2, Sec. 067, Fn. 11](#), requires the University of Wyoming and the Community College Commission to “collaborate and develop a unified plan to provide a coordinated approach to the recruitment and retention of and incentives for students graduating from Wyoming secondary schools.” To assist with the initiative, students may opt-in to have their names and addresses shared with colleges on the ACT pre-test survey. The WDE will then provide this information to Wyoming post-secondary institutions.

The US Department of Education released [technical guidance](#) regarding student privacy. After a review of the guidance by the Wyoming Attorney General’s office, the WDE encourages districts to make ACT pre-survey subject matter available for parents to review prior to the testing window, and to instruct parents that filling out the survey is optional.

A description of the pre-test survey questions given to students can be found on page 9 of the [Taking the ACT Test information](#) booklet.

Wyoming Statute [21-2-202\(a\)\(xxx\)](#) requires the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) to administer the ACT college

entrance exam to all 11th grade students. Test scores are used to calculate grade 11 growth and to determine Hathaway Scholarship attainment levels. Hathaway attainment levels are used as a college and career readiness indicator for accountability purposes.

For more information about the ACT survey, contact Jessica Steinbrenner, Assessment Supervisor, at jessica.steinbrenner@wyo.gov or 307-777-8568.