

# Colorado ACT Online Schools Webinar

Colorado Department of Education  
November 1, 2011  
2:30 – 3:30pm

# What is the Colorado ACT Assessment?

- Nationally recognized college entrance exam
- Colorado 1 of 10 states offer ACT
- All 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Colorado Public School students are required to take the Colorado ACT
- In 2011 just over 52,895 students took the Colorado ACT and in 2010 we tested 52,951

# What is the Colorado ACT Assessment?

Students tested on

- ✓ English
- ✓ Reading
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Science

# Why take the ACT?

- Statutory Requirement  
pursuant to statute C.R.S. 22-7-409 (1.5) (a)
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Opportunity for Students

# How Do Online Students take the Colorado ACT?

- Online Schools receive vouchers from ACT
- Online Schools determine who is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and then distribute the voucher to the online student
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade ONLINE students receive Voucher for National Test Day from their School

**ONLY**  
Online  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
receive a  
National Test Day  
Voucher

# Important Items for Online Schools

- Online Students MUST be enrolled as 11<sup>th</sup> graders at an ONLINE School
- Vouchers should be handed out to students listed as 11<sup>th</sup> graders

# Two national test dates

- February, 11, 2012 and April 14, 2012
- All 11<sup>th</sup> grade **Online** Public School Students take the Colorado ACT on a chosen **national** test date
- Students choose Only **ONE** test date

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2012 ACT National Test Dates Available for Colorado **Online Schools**: Online Schools receive Vouchers for students by December 3, 2011

<b>National Test Date Online Schools ONLY</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Late Fee Required</b>
<b>February 11, 2012</b>	<b>January 13, 2012</b>	<b>January 14 - 20, 2012</b>
<b>April 14, 2012</b>	<b>March 9, 2012</b>	<b>March 10 - 23, 2012</b>

# Is there a make-up test for online students?

- NO, responsibility of student
- If student registers for the February national test date and misses the test the student **MUST** pay a \$21 fee and register for the next national test date if they want an opportunity to test

# Student Registers for Feb. test and misses test....what do they do?

- Need to register using same voucher number online & pay \$21 in order to take April test
- Print Admissions ticket and bring it & photo ID to testing sight
- **Be sure testing location didn't change from February national location**

- Remind students to bring Photo I.D. to National Testing Site
- Students follow directions here when registering Vouchers:

<http://actstudent.org/faq/answers/ticket.html>

# December 2011

- Online HS Principals receive cover letter from ACT
- Which include List of Important Dates pertaining to Online Schools

In 2011...  
1,085 Online students received  
Vouchers



However, only 772 Online students  
tested with Vouchers

How can we better ensure that students who receive a Voucher will test?



- Make sure to remind students that received the voucher in the mail bring their printed ticket
- If you mail student vouchers, call them or email them to make sure they got it (their address might have changed)
- Didn't get it? Make sure the student has some way of bring a printed

# Remind students

- Call students
- Send students friendly reminders
  - Emails
  - Postcards
  - Flyers



# Other suggestions: Talk about importance of Testing

- Emphasize it's FREE
- Potential Scholarships
- College & Community College

What date can Online Students  
Choose for the 2011 National  
Test?

**February 11, 2012**

or

**April 14, 2012**

# Important Dates

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# CDE COACT

- [http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/index\\_coact.htm](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/index_coact.htm)



Any Questions?

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