

# Colorado ACT Online Schools Webinar

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# What is the Colorado ACT Assessment?

- Nationally recognized college entrance exam
- Colorado 1 of 8 states offer ACT
- All 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Colorado Public School students are required to take the Colorado ACT
- In 2009 just over 51,000 students took the Colorado ACT

# 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 11<sup>th</sup> grade students placed on Voucher list via their online school
- Voucher list approved by CDE
- Approved Voucher list is sent to ACT
- Students receive Voucher for National Test Day

See handouts pages 1-3

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

- Yes, it is the responsibility of the Online School Test Supervisor to host a make-up session
- Students must complete the pre test session prior to the make-up testing date May 12, 2010

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

# Important Items for Online Schools

- Online Students MUST be enrolled as 11<sup>th</sup> graders
- Students Name and Information MUST be on Voucher List that goes to CDE
- Vouchers should be handed out to students on your list

## September 2009

- Online HS Principals receive letter
- Test Supervisors receive letter
  - Response required before deadline
- List of Important Dates sent out

See handouts pages 4 - 9

In 2009...  
530 Online students received Vouchers



However, only 346 Online students  
tested with Vouchers

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



# 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

# When is the 2010 National Test?

**April 10, 2010**

ALL Online Public School Students take the Colorado ACT on the national test date



Any Questions?



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