



TO: Parents of Jones College Prep Juniors
FROM: Iris Schrey, College Counselor & Donald Fraynd, Principal
RE: Why students should take the New ACT at Jones on June 11th, 2005

Beginning with the Class of 2006, all colleges and universities in the United States are requiring the new ACT with Writing or the new SAT with Writing. Your child recently took the new PSAT exam. All of the above exams have been revamped for college acceptance for Fall of 2006. Colleges feel that more emphasis should be placed on writing in their curriculums thus looking for a new tool to assess this area.

The Prairie State Exam which is the assessment for Illinois has our students take the ACT without the writing section. The ACT organization has a seven year contract with the Illinois State Board of Education that does not include the writing segment. We at Jones College Prep have asked the ACT organization to allow our students to take the writing section on the Prairie State date but have been told it is impossible.

Therefore, we have arranged for the ACT organization to offer the new ACT exam with Writing to all students in the Class of 2006 on June 11, 2005. The exam will be given at Jones College Prep on that date. It is essential for all juniors to participate since all of the universities will be asking for this score for college acceptance. We want only the best for our students so that they may matriculate in college in fall of 2006.

Students should pick up the application in our Counseling office, at www.jonescollegeprep.org > Parents > Counselor's Corner, or may go online to www.act.org. Students receiving free or reduced lunch will receive a waiver for the exam. The waiver can also be picked up in the Counseling Office or online.

Additionally, those students wishing to compete as an athlete on the college level **must** take the ACT in June due to the fact that the NCAA Clearinghouse does not accept the Prairie State ACT exam.

If you have any additional questions or concerns please call Mrs. Schrey at 773-534-8622 or email her at college@jonescollegeprep.org.