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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

In the spring of 2015, your student participated in the ACT Aspire exam, the State-required, standardized achievement test for students in grades 9 and 10. Enclosed is your student's spring 2015 ACT Aspire report.

As you read over your student's report, it is important to note that there are tools available to help you understand your student's results. Please visit www.fortschools.org/actaspire for a parent guide that walks you through each part of the report as well as links to other applicable ACT Aspire information.

The ACT Aspire exam is a large-scale, standardized achievement test administered using defined directions, materials, and scoring procedures for all test takers to ensure uniform testing conditions. This exam measured academic performance in the areas of math, writing, science, reading and English. The test included multiple-choice questions (the student selects the correct answers from answer options) and constructed-response questions (the student provides a written response to the question).

For each ACT Aspire test, the number of points earned are converted to a three-digit scale score. You will see this number in each content area as well as an overall composite score (upper right hand corner on page 1). The scale scores for each subject are measured against the ACT Readiness Benchmark to identify whether students are on target to meet the benchmark by the time the student takes the traditional ACT in grade 11. These separate content area scores are combined on page 3 to provide a composite score for English / language arts and STEM (science and math). Finally, the ACT Aspire offers predicted subject test and composite score ranges also in reference to the traditional ACT exam.

National averages are provided throughout the report. These will provide you opportunity to compare your child's performance to that of other students across the country.

It is important to remember that these exam results are only a snapshot of what your child knows and is able to do within a standardized testing situation. It should be considered just one piece of the "big picture" of your child's academic progress.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at oakleya@fortschools.org or 920-563-7802.

Sincerely,



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