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Requesting CollegeBoard and/or ACT Accommodations \*This is a parent/guardian initiated process.\* START EARLY. The decision process can take up to 7 weeks or longer. \* when additional information is required

Hello Parents/Guardians,

If your child has approval for <u>standardized accommodations at the school-level</u> through a 504 or IEP, you may request to have those same accommodations for standardized tests with CollegeBoard and/or ACT.

- ✓ Section 504 Accommodation Plan Contact: Venisha Johnson, Ed.S venjohnson@apsk12.org
- ✓ Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Contact: Kayla Dinkins, Ed.S kayla.dinkins@apsk12.org

## HOW TO INITIATE PROCESS:

- > CollegeBoard (PSAT/SAT/AP Exams)
  - \*NOTE: CollegeBoard does provide an option for parents to submit requests on behalf of their child.\* 1. Download CollegeBoard Consent Form at http://tinyAPS.com/?CollegeBoard\_Consent\_Form.
  - 2. Complete consent form and send to appropriate point of contact.
- > ACT
  - Parent/Guardian <u>MUST</u> first register student for ACT exam. When registering, <u>identify as a student with</u> <u>accommodations</u>. Parent/Guardian will receive an email containing the ACT Consent Form, or you can access it at the following link: <u>http://tinyAPS.com/?ACT\_Consent\_Form</u>.
  - 2. Complete consent form and send to appropriate point of contact.

**UPON RECEIPT OF CONSENT:** The point of contact will send all documentation necessary to process request to **SSD Coordinator**, **Ms. Edna Williams**, at <u>williamsen@apsk12.org</u>. Ms. Williams will formally submit the request for accommodations, *within 7-10 days of receipt*.

- ✓ Once the required documents have been submitted, please allow 2 additional weeks to check the student portal with the testing agency for status updates and subsequent decision notification.
- ✓ You will NOT be contacted by NAHS unless there is a request for additional information.

**DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED:** As a rule, the following are submitted: 1) <u>psychological evaluation and/or medical</u> <u>report</u>, 2) <u>current eligibility</u>, and 3) <u>current accommodation plan</u>. Please note, each testing agency has the right to request additional information/documentation from parent/guardian.

**DECISION TIMELINE:** The standard timeline is listed according to information noted on the testing agencies' websites. However, decisions can take longer if additional information is required.

- CollegeBoard up to 7 weeks
  - ✓ Students entering NAHS from outside the district may experience an additional delay. CollegeBoard employs a unique process of entering those students into the database.
  - ✓ For School Day PSAT and School Day SAT, students must have received CollegeBoard approval for accommodations at least <u>8 weeks prior</u> to the test day to receive those accommodations.
- ➤ ACT normally processed within 2 weeks

## IMPORTANT:

\*\* North Atlanta High School has no bearing in the decisions of CollegeBoard and ACT. \*\*

- CollegeBoard and ACT are two DIFFERENT entities, and each has its own process for reviewing documentation to approve or deny accommodations requests.
- The possibility exists for a student to have approval for accommodations at the school level and be denied those same accommodations by CollegeBoard and/or ACT.

We recommend parents/guardians visit CollegeBoard (<u>www.collegeboard.org</u>) and ACT (<u>www.act.org</u>) websites to review more detailed information regarding the process.

Sincerely,

