

## Administrative Memo

**Date:** January 8, 2015

**To:** School Administrators

**From:** Dennis Cooper, Assistant Commissioner

**Subject:** QS-15-002 - 2015 Census Administration of the ACT for Grade 11 Students

In the spring of 2015, Missouri will offer its first statewide census administration of the ACT for grade 11 students. As part of the Missouri Assessment Program, all students will receive the opportunity to produce a valid ACT score that can be used when applying to institutions of higher education. Additionally, this annual census administration will provide a valuable snapshot of college and career readiness among Missouri students and allow teachers to further inform their instruction. From an accountability perspective, the Department will report and weigh this newly collected data in the following manner:

1. All grade 11 students who participate in the census administration will receive a valid ACT score and at least a 0.25 student weight in Standard 3\*1-3 upon graduation.
2. The 11<sup>th</sup> grade census ACT administration will produce two reportable items, a participation rate and an average composite score, that will appear on the APR Summary Data page and the District Report Card beginning with the 2015 reports.
3. When calculating the participation rate, the group of total will be composed of all grade 11 students minus any MAP-Alternate students and any students who have resided within the United States for less than a year.
4. The participation rate may be considered in the classification of Accredited with Distinction.

Please share this information with your staff. If you have any questions regarding the updated policies, please email [msip@dese.mo.gov](mailto:msip@dese.mo.gov).