

## **PARENT INFORMATION FOR ACCOMMODATIONS ON THE ACT<sup>®</sup> ASSESSMENT**

Beginning in spring 2015, The ACT test will be used as a statewide assessment in South Carolina to meet state and federal accountability requirements. With the exception of students who are eligible for alternate assessments, The ACT must be administered to all students in the eleventh grade, including students with disabilities. Eleventh-grade students are defined as students in the third year of high school after their initial enrollment in the ninth grade.

### **State-Allowed Accommodations**

Students with disabilities may take The ACT using State-Allowed Accommodations, and the scores will be used for accountability reporting. However, the scores of a student who receives State-Allowed Accommodations will not be reportable to colleges, universities, scholarship-funding agencies, or other entities.

### **ACT-Approved Accommodations**

Students may also take The ACT using ACT-Approved Accommodations. If a student with a disability takes all components of The ACT using ACT-Approved Accommodations, the student's score may be reported to colleges, universities, scholarship-funding agencies, or other entities.

Schools have been notified that in order for a student with a disability to take The ACT with ACT-Approved Accommodations, they must submit a Request for ACT-Approved Accommodations to ACT, Inc. by January 30, 2015. A parent or student (if age of majority) must give consent for applicable documentation to be sent to ACT, Inc.

If a request for an ACT-Approved accommodation is submitted to ACT, Inc. but not approved, the student will test with State-Allowed Accommodations for state and federal accountability purposes.