

Portage High School Counseling Department

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NEWS for Juniors...

The March ACT score reports have arrived at most of your homes! **Did you hit your target? Can you opt-out of a semester final exam?** The COVID-19 school closure now requires us to roll forward the incentive to first semester final exams of your senior year (January 2021). We'll keep you posted and revisit this incentive in Fall 2020.



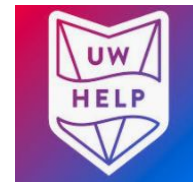
ACT is offering retakes on the June and July national test dates at the cost of \$46 (without writing). You can register on their website (actstudent.org) using your ACT ID# located near the top of your score report.



UW College Application Changes due to COVID-19

- **Application Fee.** The application fee has been reduced to \$25 for all campuses except UW-Madison.
- **Transcripts.** Unofficial transcripts will be accepted to make an admissions decision.
- **Needs-Based Application Fee Waivers.** Campuses will accept a self-reported needs-based application fee waiver - contact the campus for more information. You no longer need to send in the application fee waiver request form.
- **Holistic Review.** UW System campuses use holistic review when reviewing your application which continues during COVID-19. Campuses understand that COVID-19 has disrupted your activities and employment. We will hold students harmless for circumstances out of their control such as cancellation of ACT/SAT dates and districts moving to a pass/fail grading system.
- **Help is Here.** If you have questions on an admissions situation, please contact the campus you are applying to or the [UW-Help office](#).
- **Virtual Campus Visits.** Go to the [campus website](#) for virtual campus visits and virtual preview days happening this spring.

**Juniors can start [applying to UW colleges](#)
on August 1, 2020.**



NO changes to the Madison College application process at this time.

Deadline to submit your [Early Graduation Request](#) letter to your counselor is June 1, 2020.

Watch for instructions over the summer on how to request your transcript through Xello.