



BLUESTONE HIGH SCHOOL

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Career Readiness Certificate (CRC)

Bluestone High School students will participate in the CRC test on Tuesday, March 29, at 8:00 AM. Any student off campus in the morning will begin testing when he or she returns to school that afternoon. Any student traveling to Park View High School for first and second block will not travel to Park View during those blocks. Your first block teacher will notify you about your specific testing location.

What is the CRC?

The CRC is Career Readiness Certificate Assessment. If you earn a certificate, it can be used as a Career Technical Education credential, which is a requirement to graduate with a Standard Diploma.

What other way can this test help me?

Businesses and organizations are always looking for qualified workers. The CRC creates a “Job Profile” on you that helps potential employers determine your qualifications when you are applying for a specific job.

Many businesses are relying on the CRC to determine your qualifications. After taking this test, you may have the upper hand in getting a job over someone who hasn’t taken it. This recognized credential can distinguish and certify your skills in the job market and proves to an employer that you possess what it takes to be successful.

You can earn either a gold, silver, or bronze certificate, which is what the employer looks at in determining your qualification. This test would typically cost you to take it on your own, but MCPS is covering the cost to help you out. So, do your best because you have a lot to gain from this opportunity.

How can I prepare for this test?

The test is broken down into three parts; each part takes about 55 minutes. The first test will be *Applied Math*; then we will focus on *Graphic Literacy*, and finish with *Workplace Documents*. Practice tests are available at:

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/workkeys-for-educators/assessments/preparation.html>