



ACT Prep 9-12 Syllabus

Course Goals

1 Test Preparation

Students prepare to take the ACT through exposure to practice tests and testing strategies. Students build a repertoire of testing strategies that can be applied to the ACT and other standardized tests.

2 Content Knowledge and Application

Students build and apply their knowledge of the content found in each subtest of the ACT through review of practice questions and practice tests.

3 Growth over Time

Students monitor their progress towards meeting their personal goals for achievement in their composite score and in the individual scores for each content-based subtest.

Course Topics

1 ACT

Students are introduced to the purpose and structure of the ACT. Students understand how their subtest scores come to comprise their composite score.

2 Testing Strategies

Students learn strategies for time management, information retrieval, and test taking that will help them take the ACT and other standardized tests with greater confidence.

3 Math

Students review core concepts of algebra, geometry, and trigonometry that are found in the Math subtest.

4 English

Students refine the skills of usage and mechanics that are found in the English subtest through practice questions about punctuation, grammar and usage, and sentence structure. Students also heighten their proficiency with rhetorical skills by analyzing short passages for point of view, organization, and style.

5 Reading

Students analyze narrative fiction and informational passages similar to those that appear on the Reading subtest.

6 Science Reasoning

Students practice the skills of information analysis and deductive reasoning that are found in the Science Reasoning subtest.

7 Writing

Students practice prewriting and composing brief essays in response to prompts like those that appear on the optional Writing subtest. Students understand how the ACT Writing rubric is used to evaluate their compositions.