



Franklin County Early College High School

"Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow"

ACT Prep Syllabus

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Please refer to the [Student Handbook](#) for clarification on school-wide rules and procedures.

Tutoring Schedule:

Tutoring: 2:30-3:30 pm Mondays and Wednesdays.

SOAR tutoring 2nd period SOAR

Please contact Mrs. Poleszak if you plan to attend any of the tutoring options.

About the Course:

This ACT Prep class is designed to familiarize juniors with the test required for admission by many universities and the State of North Carolina. This course will be a starting point for students to prepare for the ACT exam and to learn more strategies that can be applied in other classes. In this course, students will learn test-taking strategies; review English, math, and science content; and take practice tests.

ACT Minimum Composite Score Update:

For students applying to UNC System institutions for Fall 2025 and beyond, a minimum ACT score of 17 is required for those with a weighted GPA between 2.5 and 2.8. Students with a weighted GPA of 2.8 or higher have the option to submit scores. For students applying for the 2026-2027 academic year and beyond, those with a weighted GPA below 2.8 are required to submit an ACT score of 17 or higher.

Overview:

ACT is a multiple-choice standardized test that is supposed to measure students' knowledge of subjects taught in high school. The test is usually divided into four sections, which are always given in the same order.

1. ENGLISH (45 MINUTES — 75 QUESTIONS)
2. MATH (60 MINUTES – 60 QUESTIONS)
3. READING (35 MINUTES – 40 QUESTIONS)
4. SCIENCE REASONING (35 MINUTES – 40 QUESTIONS)

Materials:

- 3-ring binder (can be a section in another binder for storing your notes)
- Notebook paper
- Pens and pencils

Course Schedule: Please see Canvas for an up-to-date course calendar

<u>Quarter Grade Calculation</u>	<u>Final Grade Calculations</u>
60%: Practice Tests	40%: 1st Quarter
40%: Classwork and Participation	40%: 2nd Quarter
	20%: Final Exam

Grading Scale used to assign Letter Grade:

A	90 - 100
B	80 - 89
C	70 - 79
D	60 - 69
F	0 - 59

Please see this document to understand how composite scores are going to be calculated:

Practice Test Make-up Policy:

- Practice tests are a very important part of your learning. You are not going to be perfect when taking the tests. The idea is to try, and then study and analyze your mistakes. You can get back half of the missed credit by completing test corrections. You can use this [document](#) for the test corrections.

Classroom Expectations:

1. Be Prompt
 - Be in your assigned seat when class begins
 - Begin the “warm-up” activity immediately
2. Be Prepared

- Bring all class materials daily
- Complete all homework on time
- Follow the school dress code
- Cell phones and food must remain in your backpack
- 3. Be Productive
 - Maximize learning and group work by staying on task
 - Read/Listen and follow directions
 - Remain seated during instruction and ask permission before getting up
- 4. Be Polite
 - Use appropriate language, tone, and attitude
- 5. Be Patient
 - Wait for your turn
 - Listen when others are talking
 - Offer help to other students
- 6. Be Mindful
 - Leave your workspace ready for the next person to use it.
 - Put away markers, whiteboards, and the calculator.
 - Push in your chair before leaving class.

Electronics Use Policies:

1. We will follow District guidelines and policies
2. All earbuds and headphones should be safely stored away and out of sight
3. Keep your **Chromebook** closed/45 and put it aside unless the teacher indicates it is time to use it. Use your device for our class-related educational purposes only.

Classroom Calculator Use Policies:

1. You are allowed to use one of the class set calculators. The class will only be dismissed after all calculators are accounted for and back in their designated pockets in the calculator rack. You are responsible for turning the calculator off and putting it away in the designated spot after you are done using it. Failure to take care of the calculator will result in losing your privileges to use it. You will be required to pay a calculator replacement fee if you lose or damage your assigned calculator.

Every effort will be made to adhere to the above syllabus; however, changes can be made at the discretion of the teacher.

I have read and understand the following policies for ACT Prep. I understand what Mrs. Katarzyna Poleszak expects from me to be successful in her class this semester.

Parent Syllabus sign-off and acknowledgement - Please complete by August 8th