



Dear Coyotes,

All juniors will take the ACT on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. The ACT is a nationally-recognized test that assesses a student's likelihood of succeeding in college-level courses. If you intend to go to a college or university, the ACT may be the most important test you will take as a high school student.

Students who perform well on the ACT are more likely to be admitted into selective universities and more likely to receive significant scholarship money in Arizona and nationwide. While students typically choose whether to pay \$90 to take the ACT, the Peoria Unified School District and Centennial High School require all juniors to take the ACT. Fortunately, there will be no cost. **The ACT is free for you!**

Today, you'll receive a booklet called "Preparing for the ACT Test." It features a full-length practice test, strategies for success, and information about what to expect on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, the day of the test. We care about your success because we know **your ACT test results matter to colleges and universities nationwide**. Therefore, we have arranged for opportunities to help you understand the importance of the ACT and to prepare to do your best!

## ACT Family Night

Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM (Library)

Mr. Hollabaugh and Mrs. Luque will offer Centennial families information about the ACT: why it's important, how it's scored, and how it impacts college admission and scholarship opportunities.

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## ACT Prep After School

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays  
February 17 – March 27  
2:30 – 3:30 PM

Mondays: English & Reading    Thursdays: Math  
Mr. Gibbs (Room 504)                      Mr. Lebeau (Room 205)

Tuesdays: Writing                      Fridays: Science  
Mr. Gibbs (Room 504)                      Mrs. Glick (Room 200)

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## Full ACT Practice Test

Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM in the Cafeteria

You Must RSVP Online at

[www.tinyurl.com/CoyotesACT](http://www.tinyurl.com/CoyotesACT)

so we know you're coming.  
(PUSD Login and Password Required)

Bring your **charged computer** as well as your copy of the "Preparing for the ACT" booklet. We will offer you a quiet environment to complete the entire practice test, just like you will on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will grade your practice test together so that you leave understanding your strengths and the areas that you need to work on ahead of the real test on April 2<sup>nd</sup>!

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## Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> ACT Bell Schedule for Juniors

Breakfast for Test-Takers	6:45 – 7:15 AM
ACT English, Math, Reading and Science	7:20 – 11:10 AM
Lunch for Juniors Taking the ACT	11:10 – 11:45 AM
ACT Writing	11:50 – 12:30 PM
End of School Day	12:35 PM
Buses Depart	12:45 PM

**Be on time for the 7:15 AM start of the ACT!**

\*\*Late students will not be admitted and will be required to complete the ACT makeup test on a later date. \*\*

### Know How It's Scored

Each ACT test is scored from 1 to 36. The ACT defines “college readiness” as a score of 18 on the English test, a score of 22 on both the math and reading tests, and score of 23 or higher on the science test. The ACT also gives students a “composite score,” which is an average of the four combined scale scores. The national average composite score hovers between a score of 20 and 21. Your score goes up according to the number of correct answers you achieve, so there is no penalty for guessing, and you should try to answer every question.

### The ACT Tests Five Subject Areas:

#### ENGLISH

45 minutes to answer 75 questions

Basic College-Readiness: Scale Score of 18/36  
(41 or more correct answers out of 75 questions)  
College Ready = 55% or greater

#### READING

35 minutes to answer 40 questions

Basic College-Readiness: Scale Score of 22/36  
(24 or more correct answers out of 40 questions)  
College Ready = 60% or greater

#### MATH

60 minutes to answer 60 questions

Basic College-Readiness: Scale Score of 22/36  
(32 or more correct answers out of 60 questions)  
College Ready = 54% or greater

#### SCIENCE

35 minutes to answer 40 questions

Basic College-Readiness: Scale Score of 23/36  
(24 or more correct answers out of 40 questions)  
College Ready = 60% or greater

#### WRITING

40 minutes to complete One Essay

Basic College-Readiness: Rubric Scale Score of 6 or 7 out of /12  
(You Will Be Graded on Ideas and Analysis, Development and Support, Organization, and Language Use)  
College Ready = 50% or greater

### Plan to Do Well by Practicing!

Students benefit from taking at least one full-length, timed practice ACT test so they become familiar with the content and pacing of the exam. The practice test offers you the opportunity to discover your strengths and weaknesses *before* you take the actual ACT on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Go to the after-school prep sessions to get ready, and... **Visit [www.tinyurl.com/CoyotesACT](http://www.tinyurl.com/CoyotesACT) to tell us you're coming to the Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 AM Practice ACT!**