



Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Dear Coyotes,

All juniors will take the ACT on Tuesday, April 4th. 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 \$83 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 4th, 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, February 8th
6:00 PM

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.



In Centennial's Junior Core Classes

All juniors enrolled in junior-level math, English, science, and social studies courses will complete Chalk Talk practice tests and review key ACT concepts ahead of the April 4th test. Interested in using Chalk Talk on your own? Find it in the "Educational Resources" section of the Student Portal.

ACT Prep After School

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
January 30th to March 31st
2:30 – 3:30 PM

Mondays: Writing

Mr. Butler (Room 416)

Tuesdays: English & Reading

Mr. Gibbs (Room 504)

Thursdays: Math

Mr. Lebeau (Room 205)

Fridays: Science

Mrs. Bailey (Room 206)

Full ACT Practice Test

Saturday, March 4th

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM in the Cafeteria

You Must RSVP Online at

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 4th. 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 4th!

Turn the Page for More Details about the April 4th ACT

Tuesday, April 4th ACT Bell Schedule for Juniors

Free Breakfast for Test-Takers	6:45 – 7:15 AM
ACT English, Math, Reading and Science	7:20 – 11:00 AM
Lunch for Juniors Taking the ACT	
ACT Writing	
End of School Day	12:45 PM
Buses Depart	

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 4th. Go to the after-school prep sessions to get ready, and... **Visit www.tinyurl.com/CoyotesACT to tell us you're coming to the Saturday, March 4th 9:00 AM Practice ACT!**