 **Information, Resources, & Tips**

**ACT (American College Test)**

\*\*\*The ACT test day is **March 1st**

\*\*\* The ACT WorkKeys test day is **March 2nd**

\*\* The ACT WorkKeys test is a job skills assessment system that measures “real world” work skills

\*\*\* All **11th grade** students are required to take The ACT® Plus Writing

\*\*\*Student Pre-Administration is on **February 11th**

Students with last name starting with A-L will register during periods 1 & 2

Students with last name starting with M-Z will register during periods 3 & 4

\*\* A test preparation booklet with sample questions will be provided at this meeting

\*\*\*The ACT includes 215 multiple-choice questions and takes a little over four hours to complete, including two short breaks

\*\*\*The ACT tests students’ knowledge in English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, & Writing

\*\*\* **Practice, Practice, Practice!**

**Resources:**

* ACT General Information: <http://www.actstudent.org/>
* ACT Question of the Day: <http://www.act.org/qotd/>
* ACT Sample Questions: <http://www.actstudent.org/sampletest/>
* Career Locker ACT Test Prep: <https://wiscareers.wisc.edu/C_PracticeTests/acadTestPrep.asp?type=1>
* ACT Test Prep: <http://www.mometrix.com/academy/act-test/>
* ACT Online Prep: <http://www.act.org/onlineprep/>
* ACT Preparation Test Materials: Handed out at the registration meeting for students on **February 11th**
* ACT Strategies Workshop

When: February 14th 1:30- 4:30

Where: EC Room of Public Library

Presenter: Ruth Harris

Materials Needed: Bring a notebook and pencil

* Blugold Beginnings Test Prep

When: February 15th- 18th after school

Where: Memorial High School

**ACT Section Information:**

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| **Test** | | | **Content** |
| English | 75 questions | 45 minutes | Measures English and rhetorical skills. |
| Mathematics | 60 questions | 60 minutes | Measures mathematical skills that students should have acquired by 12th grade. |
| Reading | 40 questions | 35 minutes | Measures reading comprehension. |
| Science | 40 questions | 35 minutes | Measures the skills required in natural science. |
| Writing | 1 prompt | 40 minutes | Measures writing skills emphasized in high school and entry-level college courses. |

**Tips for Taking the ACT:**

* Carefully read all instructions and questions
* Pace yourself
  + Don't spend too much time on a single passage or question
* Pay attention to the time (there will be a 5 minute warning before time is up)
* Use a soft lead No. 2 pencil with a good eraser
  + Do **not** use a mechanical pencil or ink pen
* Answer the easy questions first, then go back and answer the more difficult ones if you have time remaining on that test
* On difficult questions, eliminate as many incorrect answers as you can, then make an educated guess among those remaining
* **Answer every question**. **There is no penalty for guessing!**
* If you complete a test before time is called, recheck your work on that test
* Mark your answers properly
  + Erase any mark completely and cleanly without smudging

**Practice….**

**Test Day Tips:**

* Get plenty of rest the night before test day
* Dress comfortably (layer clothing)
* Bring a photo ID (School ID or Driver’s License)
* Bring a permitted calculator (<http://www.actstudent.org/faq/calculator.html>)
* Bring snacks and/or water to consume outside the test room only during the break
* Be ready to begin testing after everyone has been checked in and seated
* Bring a positive attitude!