

ACT Prep

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Course Description:

The ACT Prep class is designed to familiarize sophomores with the test required for admission by many universities. Well-prepared students are more likely to score higher on the ACT, which may increase their chances of receiving scholarships and enable them to have more options when selecting a college.

Students will understand the importance of the ACT, and be given the opportunity to practice and enhance their skills in order to better their ACT scores. In order to do this, students will be pretested on each subject given in the ACT, and be provided with methods to boost their scores in those areas.

Resources:

Students will regularly be using USA Test Prep, an online ACT prep support. The only text for this class will be the A-List book, and sample ACT questions which may be in print.

Grading:

Grades are calculated using total points. Grades will be given for completion of pre-assessments, work done to improve the score of the pre-assessment, and finally the post assessment. These will be provided to the students when the assignment is given.

➤ Pre Assessments	20%
➤ Course Work	30%
➤ Final Assessments	25%
➤ Full ACT Exam (Final)	25%

Makeup Work:

Students are responsible for making up work they have missed while they have been out of class. Absences include illness, family emergency, field trips, sporting events, and any time spent out of class. Knox County policy states that students have three days after returning to school to inquire about missing work. Students will have one week to submit missing assignments due to an absence.

Late Work:

Homework and daily work is due on the dates that are given when assigned. Late work will receive a 10% penalty for each day that it is late.

Aspen Posting:

Grades on Aspen will be updated weekly. I encourage parents to check Aspen frequently and feel free to discuss any concerns regarding their child's grades.

General Expectations:**Student Expectations:**

Attendance: Attendance is extremely important! If you are not present, you are missing out on valuable learning opportunities. In order to do well in the class, you must be here!!

Bathroom Policy: Once the first bell rings and class has started, students will not be allowed to leave the classroom during the first 15 minutes of class nor during the last 15 minutes of class. This is an Austin-East policy and is strictly enforced. Bathroom passes may be used for EMERGENCIES only!! Students are expected to use the restroom during class changes, not during class. A nurse's note is required for students who need to use the restroom frequently.

Tardy Policy: To assist in lowering student tardies, AEHS has created an additional warning bell set to ring one minute before classes start. Students who are not in the room AND seated in their seats when the second bell rings will be considered tardy. Three tardies constitutes as a write up.

Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices: Students are permitted to use their cell phones and other electronic devices during non-instructional times between classes and lunch. For this reason, a strict "Out of Sight, Out of Hearing" policy has been created to protect the learning environment. There will be no exceptions or any further warnings.

Ms. Watson's Expectations:

1. Respect me.
2. Respect yourself.
3. Respect each other.

***All Austin-East school rules and procedures will be fully enforced in addition to these basic expectations. Further class expectations will be explained in detail.

Consequences:

Austin-East has a well-defined discipline plan and will be followed as written.

Teacher Expectations:

Communication: The best way to reach me is through my email jenna.watson2@knoxschools.org. I check my email multiple times throughout the day and will respond as quickly as possible. You may also call the school phone at **594-3792** and leave a message for me. If you would like to schedule a conference, please set that appointment up through the guidance department.

Tutoring/Extra Help: I am available for extra help after school if notified in advance. Please bear in mind that I have 2 small children and will probably not be able to stay late without having advance notice.

Honor Code/ Plagiarism Policy:

Hodges Harbrace Handbook, 15th edition:

“Plagiarism is defined as presenting someone else’s ideas, research, or opinion as your own without proper documentation, even if it has been rephrased. It includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Copying verbatim all or part of another’s written work
2. Using phrases, figures, or illustrations without citing the source
3. Paraphrasing ideas, conclusions, or research without citing the source
4. Using all or part of a literary plot, poem, or film without attributing the work to its creator.”

Consequences of Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is a form of stealing and academic fraud. Students who are found guilty of plagiarism will have the option of either redoing the assignment within a specified time period and accepting a grade letter drop or taking a zero on the assignment. Parents should be involved in making the decision.