ACT Prep Course Syllabus

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**INSTRUCTION**

**Course Description:**

 The course provides comprehensive preparation for four parts of the ACT: English, Math, Reading, and Science. It offers a practical approach, prioritizing the most frequently tested concepts. Example problems with detailed explanations, drills, and exercises will be used. It is the students’ responsibility to register for this ACT on the ACTStudent.org website. Data shows that with each retake of the test, overall scores are raised by 1-3 points on average.

**Standards:**

<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/education-and-career-planning/college-and-career-readiness-standards.html>

**Topics / Skills Covered:**

This course will help prepare students for the Math, Science, English and Reading sections of the ACT test.

**General Pacing:**

This is a semester-long class. Each of the four sections of the ACT test will be covered, one during each of the 4 ½ week grading periods. Students will rotate to a different teacher and subject for each grading period. Students will be given a pre-test and a post-test for each subject area. In between the two tests, students will receive subject specific review and test taking tips.

**Materials Needed:**

1. Blue or black pen
2. #2 pencil
3. Loose-leaf paper
4. Three-ring binder with four sections

**Fees:**

There is a $20 fee for this class to pay for the cost of the student book.

**Resources:**

 *The Book of Knowledge ACT* 7th Edition

**ASSESSMENT**

**General Assessment:**

 Grades will be given for a variety of ACT-type activities and assessments. The four 4 ½ week grading periods, each covering a separate section of the ACT, will be combined for the final grade for this course.

**Grading:**

* 1. A 70-74 D
	2. B Below 69 F
	3. C

 Each assignment will be given a certain point value. Scores and the possible number of points for each assignment will be added before each report card and at the end of the semester. Your total score will then be divided by the total possible points. There will not be a final exam.

Grades will be categorized as follows:

 Participation 50%

 Assignments 25%

 Post Test 25% (will be graded based on improvement from Pre Test)

**Make-up Work / Late Work Policy:**

 Work can be made up before or after school. We are in our rooms by 8:00 A.M. and stay to at least 3:45 P.M. If you need to make up work at another time, you will need to make arrangements with the teacher. It is the student’s responsibility to ask for make-up work, and it should be requested at most 3 days after an absence.

**Online Posting of Grades:**

 Grades will be posted at least once a week and will be immediately available for parents and students on Parent Portal.