

# ACT



State Testing Day- April 19th, 2017

# ACT Exam Day - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 at ESHS

**English:** 75 question, 45 minutes

**Math:** 60 questions, 60 minutes

(Break)

**Reading:** 40 questions, 35 minutes

**Science:** 40 questions, 35 minutes

(Break)

**Writing:** 1 essay, 40 minutes

# Test Day at ESHS

- ❖ All ESHS Juniors are expected to arrive at ESHS no later than 7:45am on April 19th.
- ❖ Testing will begin promptly at 8:10am.
- ❖ Testing will conclude at approximately 1:00pm.
- ❖ No lunches will be served.
- ❖ Students will be dismissed for the day at the conclusion of testing.
- ❖ Students will be assigned to a testing room alphabetically.
- ❖ Students will be advised of assigned room prior to testing day.
- ❖ Students will be provided light breakfast before testing and a snack at first break time.

# Prohibited Behaviors

1. You may not work on test after time has been called.
2. You may only work on the assigned test section.
3. You may not give or receive any assistance by any means
4. No highlighters, pens, colored pencils, notes, scratch paper, or other aides.
5. No alarms, cell phones, smart watches, or other items that may cause a disruption.
6. Eating, drinking and the use of tobacco or reading materials are not permitted in the test room.

If you are observed or suspected of engaging in prohibited behavior, you will be dismissed and your test will not be scored.

# General Tips

1. Eat a healthy breakfast. Hydrate. Get some light exercise to wake up and to get blood flowing.
2. Answer every question
  - You are not penalized for incorrect answers
  - When “5 minutes” is called. Fill-in the remaining bubbles starting at the end. Then keep working with the time you have left
3. Read each question carefully
4. Answer the easy questions first. Skip the difficult ones and return to them after completing the easy ones.
5. Review your work on the current test only. You are not allowed to go back or work ahead on other subtests.
6. Erase completely and be precise in filling in bubbles.
7. Be confident. Your work at ESHS has prepared you for this!

# English Strategies...

## ❖ ACT English

### English Tips...

- ❖ English Test: 75 questions, 45 minutes.
- ❖ Pace yourself. If you spend 1 ½ minutes skimming through each passage, then you will have 30 seconds to answer each question.
- ❖ Carefully examine the underlined portions of the passage. Consider the elements of writing that are included in each underlined portion.
- ❖ Re-read the sentence using your selected answer in the passage to make sure it is the best response.
- ❖ Over 50% of your English score is based on Conventions (grammar, sentence structure, punctuation and common problems with usage of English text).

# Reading Strategies...

## ❖ ACT Reading

### Reading Tips...

- ❖ Reading Test: 40 questions, 35 minutes.
- ❖ Pace yourself. If you spend 2-3 minutes reading the passages in each section, you will have about 35 seconds to answer each question.
- ❖ Before you begin answering questions, read each passage carefully.
- ❖ Answers to some questions will be found directly in the text.
- ❖ Some questions will require you to infer meanings, draw comparisons, conclusions and generalizations. Consider text before you answer any question.
- ❖ 55-60% of your Reading score is based on questions focused on key ideas and details. Read texts closely and summarize information and ideas accurately.

# Writing Strategies...

## ❖ ACT Writing

### Writing Tips...

- ❖ Writing Test: 40 minute essay
- ❖ Be sure to write or print legibly.
- ❖ Before beginning to write, carefully read the prompt to understand the issue.
- ❖ The prewriting questions will help you analyze the different perspectives and develop your own. Use these questions to critically think about prompt and generate effective response.
- ❖ Explain and Illustrate your ideas with sound reasoning and meaningful examples.
- ❖ Discuss the significance of your ideas: why is your argument important to consider?
- ❖ As you write, ask yourself: is my logic clear? Have I supported my claims? Have I chosen precise words to communicate my ideas?
- ❖ Read over your essay and correct mistakes. Make corrections and revisions neatly between the lines. Do not write in the margins. Make your essay as polished as you can.



# Math Strategies...

- ❖ [Statistics and Probability Review](#)
- ❖ [Geometry Review](#)
- ❖ [Comprehensive Math Review](#)
- ❖ [Math Facts and Formulas for ACT](#)

# Math Tips...

- ❖ 60 questions, 60 minutes.
- ❖ Make sure your calculator is approved. Link to: [ACT Calculator Policy](#)
- ❖ Use calculator wisely. Many problems are most easily solved without one.
- ❖ Use the test booklet for solving problems. No scratch paper is provided
- ❖ Glance over answer choices before working the problem. This may help save time by eliminating answers.
- ❖ Make sure your answer is reasonable. If it is not, re-read the question.

# Science Strategies...

## ❖ ACT Science

### Science Tips...

- ❖ 40 questions, 35 minutes.
- ❖ Pace yourself. If you spend two minutes reading the passages, you will have 30 seconds to answer each question.
- ❖ Use the text booklet to take notes as you read questions, paragraphs, charts and graphs.
- ❖ This test stresses science skills and practices instead of recall of specific scientific knowledge.