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Central City High School John Baylor ACT Prep Summer Course

Central City High School will be offering the John Baylor ACT Prep Course this summer for Central City high school students wanting to improve their ACT scores. The cost of the program is normally \$200.00. However, the district has purchased the program and has reduced the cost significantly. The JBP course has proven to help students improve their ACT scores on average 2-3 points. Below are the logistics of the summer sessions and additional information to help justify why it may be beneficial for your son or daughter to enroll in the ACT prep course.

When: May 31-June 3--(4 sessions)
June 6-10 (5 sessions)
Who: Students planning to take the June 11 ACT test
Time: 10:00am-12:00 pm daily according to the dates above
Cost: \$20.00/student (CCHS Student)
Materials: Pen/Pencil/Calculator
Where: CCHS Rm: 513
Instructor: Mrs. Gathje

Additional Information: <http://www.johnbaylorprep.com/>

Q. & A.

Can my son or daughter take the course even if they miss some sessions?

It is beneficial for your teenager to take all of the sessions, however we will not require a specific number of sessions. The \$20.00 fee is non-refundable after the first session.

When should students start taking the ACT?

John Baylor recommends high school students take the ACT at least four times in order to get the very best score. Twice their junior year and twice their senior year!

Should my teenager take the prep course this summer even if they are not going to take the June 11 ACT?

Next year the school plans to offer the ACT prep course during the school day, however, it is totally up to the student and parent to make the decision whether or not to take the JBP course this summer.

Why does it make a difference on how well my son or daughter scores on the ACT test?

John Baylor Test Prep is often the 'best paying job a high school student will ever have.'

In-state colleges and universities: most students can get in without ACT Preparation, but increasing that score can mean thousands of dollars saved.

UNL, UNK, UNO: students need a 20 or higher to get in (average score in Nebraska is a 22.1). But students typically need at least a 27 to be considered for the NU Honors College-- worth \$500 per year plus the Honors Dorm and Honors Courses, meaning fewer students but more capable students per class. A Regents Scholarship usually requires at least a 30 for consideration-- a Regents means free tuition for all 4 years or about \$32,000 saved by the family. So 30 is usually the magic number (depending on GPA and class rank) for big scholarship money within the University of Nebraska's three campuses.

Peru, Wayne, Chadron: students need at least a 17 to get in typically. A 25-26 (or higher) usually means 4 years of free tuition or about \$24,000 saved. So 25 or 26 is often the magic number (depending on GPA and class rank) for big money within the state colleges.

Nebraska's private colleges are now about \$28,000 a year in total, with Creighton charging about \$38,000 annually. Usually a 20 or higher on the ACT will be acceptable for college entrance, but each subsequent point gained on the ACT typically is worth about \$500 a year in financial aid. For example, a student is admitted with a 22, but increases his/her score to a 25; that's about \$1500 more in aid a year. Take that times 4 years and there is \$6000 in savings because of those points on the ACT.. The exact scholarship formula for Doane, Wesleyan, Midland Lutheran, Concordia, Hastings, St. Mary's, etc... differs slightly for each school, but the \$500 per year per ACT point is typical (below is the exact formula used by Wesleyan for scholarships based solely on ACT scores-- these amounts are the dollars saved each year for 4 years). The \$500 per point per year is a rough estimate for Nebraska's private colleges and actually can understate the impact of score increases. For example, just a 1-point jump from a 28 to a 29 for Wesleyan means an increase in annual aid from \$7500 to \$9000.

ACT Composite Score		Class Rank	Scholarship	Award
32 and up	or	NA	Board of Governors Scholar Award	\$11,500
29-31	or	NA	Wesleyan Scholar Award	\$10,000
27-28	or	Top 10%	Fredstrom Scholarship	\$8,500
24-26	or	Top 25%	President's Scholarship	\$7,000
22-23	or	Top 33%	Recognition Scholarship	\$5,500

Four tips for helping your student jump that ACT score

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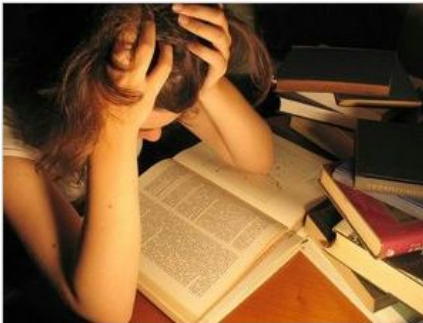
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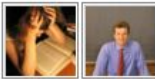
By John Baylor

A higher ACT score means better college choices and scholarships – step one to graduating with minimal debt.

So here are four tips for jumping that score.



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1. Take four: Have your student take the ACT four times. Colleges just care about that highest score, and many will combine the four highest sub-scores even if they happened on different tests. So have your student take the ACT at least four times, unless he or she hammers a 36 right away.

2. June counts: If your student is a junior, have him or her take the ACT twice this spring, including June 11. I see big jumps on the June ACT because it's two or three weeks after finals, the least stressful test date of the six offered annually. Have your student prepare for 30 to 45 minutes each day after finals, before June 11, and you'll love the new score. Summer doesn't start until noon on June 11.

3. Motivate with money: Jumping that ACT score is the best paying job a high school student could ever have. Joining the "five-point-jump-club" means dramatically better school choices and scholarships. Create motivation by reminding your student he or she will make much more preparing for and jumping that ACT score than flipping burgers.

4. Hammer the grammar: the ACT English and math content are the most predictable and easiest to improve. Have your student hammer the grammar and math questions prior to test day. I synthesize grammar down to 22 easy-to-master grammar rules, and ACT math is so basic that amnesia is often a high school junior's biggest enemy. Solid practice should bring back the fond memories.

Colleges primarily care about the "big three:" grades, scores and one extracurricular. Students: finish strong this semester, jump that April ACT score and then launch that June ACT score. Spend summer strengthening that extracurricular skill.

Hello, better college choices and scholarships.

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