

Preparing for the ACT

Test prep classes? After checking with Mt. Lake Public School, we found that their juniors are sent to a one-day, off-campus spring workshop hosted by the Educational Talent Search where test prep tips and a sample test is given. The Windom Area Public School offers early morning classes in the spring for their juniors and seniors.

Tutoring? We have not been able to find a resource listing tutors in our area. Our search will continue.

Helps? MLC does not have the available staffing to host an ACT prep class. Because of this, every effort is made to inform parents and students of available resources for ACT preparation and testing via the Bear Fact and other correspondence sent home during the school year. This information is also available on our website: gomlc.org (click on the Guidance link). Some of this information is listed below including college search and some scholarship resource information.

- ***The Real ACT Prep Guide*** – This resource book is available to check out from the MLC office. Students may keep it for two weeks at a time. An updated copy has just been received that includes five practice tests and test prep tips along with a CD containing college planning advice and tips, college profiles, a listing of undergraduate majors and more.
- ***Kahn Academy*** is a great site to "practice" or "learn" any concepts in areas students feel they are weak. Most MLC students should be familiar with this site as it has been used in our classrooms. Find it at kahnacademy.org.
- ***Study breaks*** - Students are encouraged to use their daily study break each day to ask staff questions and to receive extra help in areas of weakness as shown on the ACT pretests. The staff wants to help students as they are able.
- **www.actstudent.org** –This website is used to register for the ACT test. Not only is this site used for test registration, but it also contains practice tests and tips that are helpful. See the back of this letter for ACT test dates, etc. Their booklet (*Preparing for the ACT*) has been put in student mailboxes and is also available at <http://www.act.org/aap/pdf/Preparing-for-the-ACT.pdf>
- ***Other websites*** - We have found the websites listed below to be helpful for college-bound students. These sites contain test prep help, college search and scholarship information:

4tests.com/act
princetonreview.com/college/free-act-practice-test.aspx
petersons.com
number2.com
kaptest.com/
mhpracticeplus.com/act.php
fastweb.com
fasfa.ed.gov

collegenet.com
iseek.org
getreadyforcollege.org
scholarshipHunter.com
finaid.org
studentaid.ed.gov
collegeanswer.com

MLC encourages its Juniors and Seniors to take the ACT test, as it is a requirement for entrance to most colleges. We recommend students take this test at least once by the end of their junior year to get a feel for the test. It can be taken as many times as needed to achieve a score with which they are satisfied. There is a fee for taking the test. Colleges will use a student's best score when considering admission, and some colleges use a superscore (a compilation of the highest score in each subsection, even if on different attempts) for admissions and scholarship consideration.

2014-2015 ACT dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
October 25, 2014	September 17, 2010	September 20–October 3, 2014
December 13, 2014	November 5, 2010	November 8–21, 2014
February 7, 2015*	January 7, 2011	January 10–16, 2015
April 18, 2015	March 4, 2011	March 14–27, 2015
June 13, 2015	May 8, 2015	May 9–22, 2015

What to bring to ACT testing

MLC's school code: 241-784
 A picture ID
 Credit card

Fees

Basic Fees

- = \$33 for the ACT (No Writing)
- = \$48 for the ACT plus Writing
 (other charges may apply)

Wondering if you should take the writing portion of the ACT test? Some colleges require the Writing Test; others do not. You should decide whether or not to take the Writing Test based on the requirements of the colleges to which you are applying or considering. The ACT website has a search tool you may use to find out if the colleges you are interested in require this portion of the test.

Other

This information is taken directly off the website: www.actstudent.org. Please use this as your first stop if you need more information or want to register to take the test. If you have any other questions, please contact Dee Ann in the MLC office at 427-3900.