

Munford High School
ACT Prep Syllabus
2021-2022
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Room 510



Course Description

The purpose of ACT Prep is to get students ready for the ACT. The ACT is a college entrance exam REQUIRED for all Juniors to take March 15th, and the score is used to determine college admissions and award scholarships. Students will review various concepts in English, Math, Reading, and Science, as well as learn test-taking strategies to improve their confidence. Classes will flip approximately every 3 weeks. I will cover the Math and Science content, and Mrs. Rasmussen will cover the English and Reading content.

Daily Supplies

You are REQUIRED to bring #2 pencils, red pens, and a three-ring-binder/folder to class every day. A TI-84+ graphing calculator is strongly recommended for this class.

Grading Policies

All grades are weighted equally and will consist of class work, quizzes, and tests. You must score 80% or higher on a mastery quiz to be considered mastered for that skill. Anyone who scores below 80% will need to retake the quiz.

Student Expectations

Be in your seat when the tardy bell rings.
Come prepared with all necessary materials.
Respect the classroom and the people in it.
Do your best every day.
No cell phones allowed out during class.
Stay in assigned seat until dismissed by me.

Discipline

1st step - Warning to student
2nd step - Write offs
3rd step - Contact Parent
4th step - Office Referral

Tutoring

Students are encouraged to come see me during tutoring with questions they may have or to make-up assignments. I am available before school every morning from 7:00-7:30 and every afternoon from 2:30-3:00.

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to e-mail me at jgardner@tipton-county.com or visit my website at <http://coachgardnermhs.weebly.com>

Common Questions & Answers

- 1. What do I need for this class?** You will need #2 pencils, red pens, and a three-ring binder/folder for handouts. A TI-84+ graphing calculator is strongly recommended.
- 2. What is the cell phone/smart watch policy?** This class will follow the same policy as the ACT. All phones and watches must be off and out of sight. If I see you on your phone or smart watch, unless first instructed by me, then I will take it and turn it in to the front office.
- 3. Can I eat or drink in class?** You may drink, but please keep it out of the way and avoid spilling it. You may eat, but please throw away your trash on the way out of class.
- 4. How do I do make up work if I am absent?** Since we work every day, any absence from class will mean missing assignments. All of my lesson videos are posted on YouTube, and practice worksheets will be posted in Google Classroom. You will be responsible for making arrangements with me to complete any graded assignments. Missing work is a 0 in the gradebook until it is completed.
- 5. What if I do not have a pencil or red pen?** I will be happy to sell you a pencil or red pen for 25 cents. Since it is required for this class you are expected to have your own supplies. If you do not have them, then I will expect you to borrow or buy them.
- 6. How do I improve my grade? Do you give extra credit?** I do not offer extra credit, but you may redo any graded assignment for a higher grade. This gives you an opportunity to improve your grade and practice essential skills for the ACT.
- 7. How is this class graded since there are two teachers?** All graded assignments are weighted equally, and all of the assignments from both teachers will be averaged together into one overall grade.
- 8. How do I contact you?** I use **REMIND 101** for all classes so I can mass message students, and they can reply to me using the app. Students, parents, and guardians may email me at jgardner@tipton-county.com, and I will respond as soon as possible.
- 9. How many practice ACT tests will we take?** Ideally we will take a full ACT practice test in August, December, and February. You are expected to do your best on each test, and we will track your growth throughout the year.
- 10. How do I know my projected ACT score?** The state uses your previous state assessments and TVAAS to determine your projected ACT score. Once we know your projections, we will let you know.

Google Classroom Codes

You must be logged into Google Classroom using your school provided email account.

1AG - 2nozafo

1BG - gj4baof

3AG - 6hqekw7

2BG - f3jmdhn

4AG - tklp45a

4BG - istmvio

When classes flip, you will still use the same Google Classroom to receive your assignments from Mrs. Rasmussen. You will not need to join a different Google Classroom for her assignments.

Remind Classroom Codes

You must send a text to the number 81010. Your text needs to include the appropriate code for your class and will include the @ symbol.

A Day Gardner Classes - @adaygar

~~A Day Rasmussen Classes - @adayras2~~

B Day Gardner Classes - @bdaygar

~~B Day Rasmussen Classes - @bdayras2~~

Calculate84

A free phone app available to download for use at home, but you will not be allowed to use it on the real ACT.



Calculate84

Intended for use with TI-84

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Teacher - Student Syllabus Agreement

I have read and understand the classroom and grading policies in this syllabus. I understand it is my responsibility to follow them. If I have any questions, I will ask the teacher.

Student's Name _____ Period _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Mother/Guardian's Name _____

Mother/Guardian's Email _____

Mother/Guardian's Phone _____

Father/Guardian's Name _____

Father/Guardian's Email _____

Father/Guardian's Phone _____

Calculator Use Policy Form

Students who would like to utilize the graphing calculators, purchased by MHS will need to have this form on file with Mr. Gardner.

Student's Name: _____

Period: _____

TI-84 Plus graphing calculators are available to students for use during class time. Students will have specifically numbered calculators assigned to them that they will use each class. These calculators are supplied by Munford High School and are not, under any circumstance, to be taken out of the classroom. While using these calculators the student will not deface, abuse, remove batteries, etc. If a calculator is intentionally stolen, broken, or defaced the student will be responsible for replacing the calculator at the "new" calculator price of approximately \$100.00 (Market Price).

I agree to the calculator policy as described above:

Student's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date