



Here is what you need to know:

- Arrive by 8:45 a.m. to check-in at school Commons.
- Location for the mock exam is in **room 2402**.
- Exam will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. It will last just under 4 hours if you take the optional essay.

Students and Parents can receive essay and feedback scores at the **"Scoresback Event" at SHS, (room 2402)**. You will be given the opportunity to sign up for a free one-on-one score consultation after the Scoresback Event. To ensure that you receive your test score, please plan on attending the Scoresback event.

- Saturday, September 21: Mock ACT exam, 9 am – 1 pm, with essay and score feedback workshop on October 2 (6:00-7:00 pm same room)
- Saturday, March 21: Mock ACT exam, 9 am – 1 pm, with essay and score feedback workshop on April 1 (7-8pm same room)

### **Materials to Bring and General Advice**

**Bring your calculator!** For calculator policies, please check the [ACT](#) website. Bring two or three sharpened #2 pencils with good, and clean erasers. Dress comfortably, preferably in layers since the room may be cooler or warmer than you might prefer. It is a good idea to bring a light snack as you will have a small break. Try to avoid pure sugar snacks. A sandwich, peanuts, yogurt, etc. (healthy foods with protein) will keep you from having a sugar *high* followed by a sugar *low*.

### **Test Taking Hints**

The ACT Test contains 4 subtests + and optional essay. Your ACT Composite score is the average of the scores on your 4 subtests. The subtests are:

1. English (covering mechanics, usage and rhetorical skills).
2. Reading (covering Social Studies/Sciences and Arts/Literature).
3. Math (covering Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Coordinate and Plane Geometry and Trigonometry).
4. Science Reasoning (covering General Science concepts).
5. Optional Essay (30-minute essay on an assigned topic). Even though this portion is "optional", it would be wise for students to do the essay because some colleges require the ACT Essay for admission.

The key to success on the ACT is remembering how the test is scored. You earn a point for each correct answer and there is *no penalty* for a wrong answer. Keep track of the time left to work. As you near the end of a section, in the last minute or so, answer any questions that you still have left blank. ***Guess!*** It can *only help you!*

*All questions are equally weighted.* Answer the easy questions before you spend valuable time on the harder ones. Skip the questions that seem too difficult. Keep checking the number of the problem you are on with the number on your answer sheet so you don't get off sequence.

Remember that your strategy on the ACT is to *maximize the number of correct answers!* If you want to change an answer, *be sure you erase the previous answer completely.* If it is not, the scoring machine will read both responses so you can't possibly get it correct!

### **The Day Before the Test**

Spend the evening relaxing. You will accomplish very little by worrying. Read a book, watch TV or do anything else you find relaxing. You will want to feel your best when you take the test, so get a good night's sleep! Get up early enough so you won't feel rushed to get to the mock exam.

We wish you the best of luck!

**Questions? Please** email [May Gauvin](#) or [Jamie Froman](#).