

Parents,

"I should get paid for going to school." I can't tell you how many times I've heard that! And...I have something to offer that is right along those lines.

If your child is considering going to college as part of their post-secondary education in preparation for a career, success on the ACT exam is critical. The ACT is an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admissions decisions. Additionally, students who score well on the ACT are eligible to receive thousands of dollars in scholarships. While content knowledge is an important factor contributing to success on the ACT, there are other factors that have a significant impact on a student's score. Research shows that simply taking the exam multiple times, even with no intervention, will increase a student's score due to the familiarity of the test when exposed to it more than once. Research also shows that there are many test-taking skills specific to the ACT that can improve a student's success if used.

Knob Noster High School believes we should do everything in our power to help our students be fully prepared to succeed on the ACT. In addition to the rigorous courses offered, we are now offering **ACT prep sessions** during Panther Hour. We will offer these sessions two times a year with the first of the sessions **STARTING NEXT WEEK**.

While your child is welcome to attend any sessions, we strongly encourage them to attend all sessions, as all sessions will teach something different to help your child improve their ACT score. As an incentive to attend all sessions, **any sophomore, junior**, **or senior student who attends all ACT prep sessions (3 per subject area = 9 total) and takes the ACT during the semester they participated in the study sessions will receive \$50 from the school.** We will offer another set of study sessions in the spring semester before the spring ACT dates. If your child attends all ACT prep sessions as explained above and takes the ACT exam during the semester they attend the prep sessions, your child will receive \$50 from the school up to three times during their tenure at KNHS. That's \$150 just for attending three sets of ACT prep sessions and taking the ACT three times!

## This is where you can help.

- If your child is going to take the ACT during the fall semester, we would strongly encourage him/her to sign up to
  participate in the fall ACT prep sessions. They can sign up on this form: <u>ACT Prep Sessions</u>. Dates and locations are
  listed on this form.
- Encourage your child to take the ACT multiple times during the course of their high school careers. Higher scores on the exam mean more money for college and less or even no college debt.
- If you are the parent of a freshman, have conversations with your child about their plans for the future and find ways to support them in those plans. (Also, be sure to look for this letter in the fall of their sophomore year in order to make plans to take advantage of this opportunity!)

If you have any questions about the ACT prep opportunities or any questions concerning your child's education, don't hesitate to contact us. We are happy to answer any questions or assist in any way we can.

Thank you for your partnership!

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