

SmartPrep

Winter 2018 ACT Workshop Information and Practice Schedule

General Information

What is *SmartPrep*? *SmartPrep* is a series of high-quality, affordable workshops designed to help students prepare for the ACT college entrance exam.

Instructor: Mrs. Gina Smearsoll - Mrs. Smearsoll is currently a Senior High Science Teacher and a test prep instructor. She has been teaching ACT and SAT Test Preparation courses for 19 years.

Locations: Workshops on this flyer are being held in Room 304 in the Science Center at the CCS junior/senior high campus. (7474 Morris Road, Fairfield, Ohio 45011)

Questions: Contact Gina Smearsoll at gina.smearsoll@cincinnatichristian.org.

Registration: Fill out registration form and mail to the address on form, or submit to Mrs. Smearsoll at CCS, using the address above.

Registration deadline is one day prior to workshop date. Workshops with fewer than four registered students will be canceled.

Which test does this prepare students to take?

The focus of the Fall 2018 workshops and practice sessions will be on the **ACT only**. All workshops and practice sessions will be completed before the CCS ACT test administration date on **February 27, 2018**. Remember that ALL juniors are given the ACT on this date during the school day, paid for by the state of Ohio. Sophomores and seniors can choose to take the test on this date for a fee.

Who should register?

These workshops and practice sessions are designed for **high school juniors or seniors**. Sophomores are permitted in the sessions but may not yet have covered the math material included on the ACT in their school courses.

How do I get started?

All students should start by taking a **full-length practice ACT test**. Students that have already taken an official ACT test can submit those scores instead of taking the full-length introductory test. If students have not yet taken the ACT, they will be given a practice test to take home and complete **before** starting any workshops or practice sessions. After completing the test, students should turn the test in to Mrs. Smearsoll. She will grade the test within one day and have the score back to the student. This gives the student a baseline from which to work.

Why workshops AND practice sessions?

There are two important steps necessary in preparing for college entrance exams. **First, students must learn the format of the test and specific strategies to score well on each section of the test.** This is the focus of the individual workshops. **Second, students must use those strategies and practice on real questions in the time allotted for each exam section.** This is the focus of the practice sessions. Often, students may learn the format and strategies for each section BUT they fail to use those strategies to practice for the exam. By scheduling intentional practice sessions, students have the opportunity to come and practice before taking the actual test. Practice sessions will benefit the student most after attending the workshop for that section to learn the format and strategies. **For that reason, students may only attend practice sessions after attending the corresponding workshop.**

Why is there a book fee? All students will be provided with the same practice book for use in all sessions.

Workshops

Workshops are identical each year. Students that have attended workshops in the past can attend them again for no fee. Or they can just attend the practice sessions.

ACT English Workshop

Workshop Description: This workshop focuses specifically on the English section of the ACT. Students will learn what kinds of topics are and are NOT asked on this portion of the test. Students will then be exposed to usage and mechanics questions that focus on punctuation, grammar, usage, and sentence structure and rhetorical skills questions that focus on strategy, organization, and style.

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 CCS Students/ \$30 Non-CCS Students

ACT Math Basics Workshop

Workshop Description: This workshop will focus specifically on the Math section of the ACT. Students will learn the format for the math section and how to best answer multiple-choice and grid-in questions. Students will be guided through some of the most frequently asked math question types. *Students need to bring a calculator.

Saturday, January 20, 2018

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$25 CCS Students/ \$30 Non-CCS Students

ACT Reading Comprehension Workshop

Workshop Description: This workshop will focus on the Reading section of the ACT. Students will learn the question types for the test, strategies for short and long reading comprehension passages, and basic principles for understanding what is read.

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 CCS Students/ \$30 Non-CCS Students

ACT Science Reasoning Workshop

Workshop Description: This workshop will focus specifically on the Science Reasoning section of the ACT. Students will be guided through the skills necessary to score well on this portion of the test. These skills include interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem solving.

Saturday, January 27, 2018

10:00-11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$25 CCS Students/ \$30 Non-CCS Students

Practice Sessions

Practice sessions are different each year. Students need to attend the workshop for a section BEFORE attending the practice session. Students that have attended a workshop in the past can sign up for the practice session without attending the workshop again.

ACT English Practice

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

7:30-8:45 p.m.

Cost: \$20

ACT Math Practice

*Students need to bring a calculator.

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

7:30-9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20

ACT Reading Comprehension Practice

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

7:30-8:45 p.m.

Cost: \$20

ACT Science Reasoning Practice

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

7:30-8:45 p.m.

Cost: \$20



SmartPrep **Registration Form**

Student's Name _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

School _____

Registration Deadline: One day prior to workshop or practice date.

Please make check payable to **“Cincinnati Christian Schools.”**

Mail check and registration form to: Cincinnati Christian Schools
Attn: Gina Smearsoll
7474 Morris Rd.
Fairfield, OH 45011

Please choose workshops below:

- ☐ **Mandatory Test Prep book fee, \$30**
- ☐ ACT English Workshop, 1-17-18, \$25 CCS/\$30 Non-CCS
- ☐ ACT Math Basics Workshop, 1-20-18, \$25 CCS/\$30 Non-CCS
- ☐ ACT Reading Comp. Workshop, 1-24-18, \$25 CCS/\$30 Non-CCS
- ☐ ACT Science Reasoning Workshop, 1-27-18, \$25 CCS/\$30 Non-CCS
- ☐ ACT English Practice, 1-31-18, \$20
- ☐ ACT Math Practice, 2-7-18, \$20
- ☐ ACT Reading Comp. Practice, 2-14-18, \$20
- ☐ ACT Science Reasoning Practice, 2-21-18, \$20

Total Enclosed _____