

1. Topic Sessions

- a. **Session # 2:** Monday, March 5 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Reading/Mrs. Pociask
- b. **Session # 3:** Monday, March 12 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Science/Mr. Pociask
- c. **Session # 4:** Monday, March 19 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. English/Mrs. Pociask
- d. **Session # 5:** Thursday, March 22 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Math/Mrs. Alley
- e. **Session # 6 Test Simulation:** Saturday, March 24, 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Mrs. Price

****If either boys or girls basketball teams make it to State Basketball Tournament, the course dates will be as follows: 3/19, 3/20, 3/21, 3/26, 3/27 & 4/2**

2. How class will operate/Reminders

- a. Be on time
- b. Bring your book to every session – lose it, NO replacements!
- c. Bring pencils
- d. General strategies and practice tests presented each session

3. OUR Expectations

- a. You will become “test wiser”
- b. Score better if you wouldn’t have taken the course
- c. Give it your “Best Effort” – “Ready to Learn”
- d. Understand the importance of the ACT

4. WHY would anyone take this kind of course?

- a. To feel more comfortable and confident
- b. To better prepare oneself
- c. Increase odds of higher score
- d. You are the peak of your learning and primed to take the ACT

5. What will the course cover?

- a. Test Preparation
- b. Test Purpose – college admission & course placement; scholarships
- c. Test Content
- d. General Strategies
- e. Specific subject strategies
- f. Test practice
- g. Development of own plan or test strategy
- h. Understand personal strengths and weaknesses and beginning working on weak areas
- i. Build confidence and attitude

6. English Test (pg. 25 – 49)

- a. 45 minutes for 5 passages/75 questions = 9 minutes per passage/questions
 - i. 1 – 1 ½ minutes per passage
 - ii. 30 seconds per question
- b. Multiple choice in 2 categories
 - i. 53% of questions in Usage and Mechanics (punctuation, grammar & sentence structure)
 - ii. 47% of question in Rhetorical skills (strategy, organization and style)

7. Math Test (pg. 50 – 75)

- a. 60 minutes for 60 questions = 1 minute for question
- b. 5 choice per question
 - i. 40% pre-algebra, elementary algebra
 - ii. 30% intermediate algebra, coordinate geometry
 - iii. 23% plane geometry
 - iv. 7% Trigonometry

8. Reading Test (pg. 76 – 97)

- a. 35 minutes for 4 passages/40 questions = 8 ½ minutes per passage/questions
 - i. 2-3 minutes per passage
 - ii. 35-40 seconds per question
- b. Multiple choice
 - i. Recognize main ideas and important details, draw conclusions, make comparisons
 - ii. Tested areas – prose fictions, humanities, social studies, natural science

9. Science Reasoning Test (pg. 98 – 119)

- a. 35 minutes for 40 questions
 - i. 2 minutes per passage
 - ii. 30 seconds per question
- b. Measures your interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning and problem solving
- c. 7 sets of questions in 3 formats
 - i. 38% Data
 - ii. 45% Research
 - iii. 17% Conflicting viewpoints

10. General Strategies

- a. Exercise mind and body
- b. Refresh & practice your skill
- c. Get organized – where to go? what to bring?
- d. Learn as much about test as possible – directions, practice tests
- e. Get some “REAL” rest before the test
- f. Pace yourself
- g. English/Reading/Science ask for the “BEST” answer & Math asks for the “CORRECT” answer
- h. Write in your test booklet
- i. Read all choices before choosing
- j. Always check your answers (if time allows)
 - i. Did you mark it properly?
 - ii. Did you answer all the questions?
 - iii. Did you mark only 1 answer for each?
- k. Erase stray marks on answer doc

11. Important Points

- a. Be aware of your time
- b. Know the directions
- c. Don't eat a big meal or drink too much prior to arriving at testing center
- d. Do NOT work on the test after time is called
- e. Do NOT spend too much time on a hard question
- f. If you get done early....check your work
- g. FINISH the test, even if you didn't read every question

12. A KEY to success is LESS stress...

- a. Know where the test will be given
- b. Arrive early – 7:30 a.m.
- c. Bring THREE #2 pencils – sharpened
- d. Admissions Ticket
- e. Photo ID
- f. Good working calculator
- g. Watch
- h. Dress comfortably
- i. NO leaving the area once you check in
- j. Find your assigned seat
- k. RELAX
- l. Be ready when the test administrators enter the room
- m. Do NOT do anything with testing materials until told to do so

13. BIG NO-NO's

- a. NO food or drink
- b. NO talking
- c. NO looking ahead or back at any test
- d. NO filling in blanks after the test time is concluded
- e. NO sleeping!
- f. NO horseplay between tests
- g. NO getting out of seat until break time
- h. NO cell phones – leave it in the car!

14. Things to REMEMBER

- a. Bring tissues or cough drops if you need it
- b. Wear layers
- c. Use pencil to tear test seal
- d. Break time approximately 10:30
- e. When directions are read....relax you will already know them
- f. When told to read directions and begin....JUST BEGIN (you already know them)

15. FINAL REVIEW

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____
- g. _____
- h. _____
- i. _____
- j. _____
- k. _____