



The Efficacy of Early Implementation of College and Career Readiness

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Background and Context



- What is the ACT?
- How Does It Benefit Students?

Proposal

My proposal today is sparked by the **College and Career Readiness Curriculum**

Policy Examined: Policy IGB

Graduation Requirement: 1 Credit for CCR
(CCR Curriculum - Unit 3: College Selection and Transition)

College and Career Education:

- **Mastery Prep courses are efficient, and so standards should be **more heavily implemented** considering the impact ACT scores and Dual Credit hours have on aid and scholarships**

Proposal: JPS should implement an earlier and consistent use of Mastery Prep enrichment in course offerings starting in 9th grade along with an annual ACT Test to track student progress.





Evidence

Initial Hypothesis: More focused and early implementation of Mastery Prep in the 9th-grade will increase and benefit a student's access to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills needed for success in college, career, and to compete in a global economy.

References: MDE College and Career Readiness Curriculum

Key Studies:

- "Investigating Test Prep Impact On Score Gains"- ACT Research Dept
- "The Condition of College and Career Readiness"- ACT Research Dept

Statistics:

- JPS' Average ACT (provided by Ms.Jana Williams, JPS CCR Manager)
- Compare to State and surrounding districts

Why Should We Focus on the ACT

Mississippi Schools (2020 Graduates)

18.1-17.9

Jackson Public Schools (2020 Graduates) 15.9

National Avg ACT Score (2020 Graduates)

20.7-20.6



Overall Goals

“Instead of teaching to the test, MasteryPrep helps students develop core academic skills that are **key to college success and to making 4+ point gains on the ACT.**”

Most Efficient Route:

- **Align Mastery Prep Course with Correlating Class/Standards**



Implications and Impact

The early and consistent implementation of the College and Career Readiness components and standards in the 9th grade will support the district's Core Values of:

- Equity
- Excellence
- Growth Mindset
- Relationships
- Relevance
- Positive and Respective culture



THANK YOU

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

