

Grissom High School
ACT Prep Syllabus 2021-2022

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Course Description:

“This course will prepare students to take the ACT exam, which is a college entrance exam. This course will provide an overview of the test, practical test taking strategies, and the opportunity to complete practice tests.”

(Huntsville City Schools High School Course Catalog 2021-2022)

This course will teach and review basic math skills, vocabulary and formulas that appear on the ACT. Students should expect daily concept review and problem-solving practice, as well as practice-test opportunities.

Needed Materials

The following materials are recommended to be in class with you every day:

- Binder
- Pencil(s)
- Colored Pen(s)
- Highlighter(s)
- School-issued laptop
- Scientific or graphing calculator—some graphing calculators are permissible on the ACT exam; however, the use of a graphing calculator is not required to answer questions on the ACT. If you have a question about calculators, please ask or visit the webpage listed below.

****NOTE: CAS and TI-89 calculators are not permitted on the ACT**

<http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/ACT-calculator-policy.pdf#:~:text=Examinees%20may%20use%20any%20,be%20solved%20without%20a%20calculator>

HCS Grading Breakdown:

Percentage	Grade Distribution
60% Standards Based Summative Assessments	performance based assessments, labs, projects, writing assessment, all of which directly reflect course standards
40% Formative Assessment and Assignments	In-class assignments/homework that directly reflect and support mastery of course standards

Each quarter grade will make up 45% of the semester grade and each semester test will be 10% of the semester grade.

Attendance and Tardies:

To optimize learning, students need to be in the classroom. Students are expected to make an effort to be in class. Work missed while absent must be made-up. It is the responsibility of the student to get the work they missed. If a student only missed test day, and did not miss any new material, they should come to school the next day prepared to test.

I will be ready to start when the bell rings, so students need to be in their seats and ready to go when the bell rings.

Attendance and tardy issues will be addressed and dealt with according to Huntsville City Schools BLG.

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Homework/Classwork:

Homework is expected to be completed daily and in pencil. Students can take notes in pen if they would like, but homework and tests should be submitted in pencil. Students are expected to show all work.

Make-up/late work:

When students need to make up work missed for excused absences, they have 3 days to get with me about how and when to make up the work.

Students are expected to be proactive and take initiative when it comes to getting and turning in missing work. Late work is not acceptable unless the student has an excused absence.

Technology:

Technology is a tool to be used in the classroom that should be used appropriately. I expect students to follow all district and school policies regarding technology.

Schoology will be used to communicate with students, as well as post assignments and class information.

Expectations:

- Show respect to yourself and others
- Arrive on-time
- Come prepared and ready to work
- Do your best
- Cell phones and other electronic devices should be stored out of sight, out of mind
- Technology should be used appropriately when appropriate.

Students are also expected to abide by all school and district rules and policies.

- Have a vision—hope and dream
 - Be a learner, not a finisher—growth over grades
 - Lean into struggle—do hard things
 - Feed your passion—do fun things
 - Own your education –invest in yourself
- (Dr. Amy Fast)

I will be prepared each day and I expect the same from every student. Come to class with a determination to learn and engage in class discussion. If you actively participate you will be successful. Success is within reach for every student who puts the effort into this class.

To ensure success, students will need to daily keep up with the homework/classwork. If students are confused about an assignment, they will be given time to ask questions.

In my class, you will get what you earn: if you come to class prepared, work hard and engage in class discussion you should experience a high level of success and learning.