

West Salem High School Juniors will join students across our state in taking the **ACT Plus Writing** and **ACT WorkKeys** exams on March 3rd and 4th, respectively. 2015 marks the first year in which every Junior is given the opportunity to earn a college-reportable ACT score. Both exams will prove beneficial for our students. The ACT is an educational and career planning tool that assesses students' academic readiness for college. ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system that helps employers select, hire, train, develop, and retain a high-performance workforce. Assessments in Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information measure foundational and soft skills and can lead to earning ACT's National Career Readiness Certificate (ACT NCRC), a portable credential earned by more than 2.3 million people across the United States. We'd like to share our plan to partner with you to help our Juniors increase their chances of success on these exams.

Use of Early Release Time

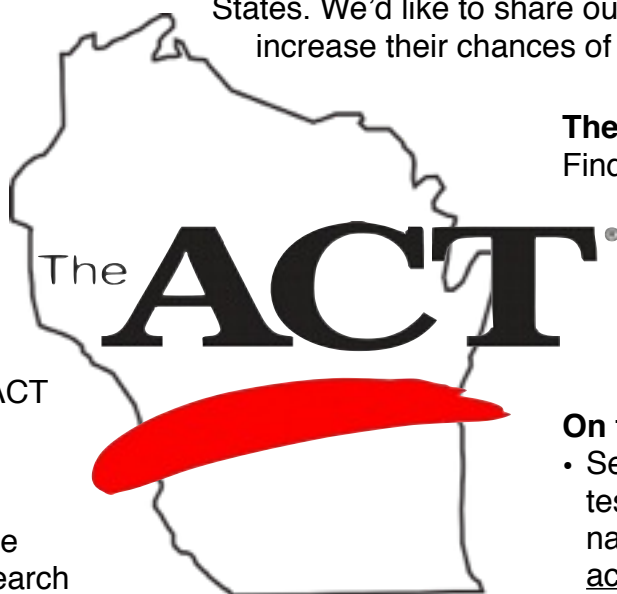
January Early Release

Juniors will take a FREE abbreviated ACT practice test on the website 4tests.com. This will provide students a composite practice score. Research shows that taking a practice test can raise a student's score by 1-2 points.

Students will also take part in a Reading review session since the other tested content areas also require reading comprehension to be successful.

February Early Release

Math, Science and English, the remaining content areas on the ACT, will be reviewed on this date. Students will rotate through a review session on each content area to receive instruction on the types of questions they will see and high quality plans to approach these test sections.



There's an App for that!

Find these FREE in the App Store or Google Play



On the Internet

- Several sites offer practice tests and test prep materials. We have narrowed the search for you to: actstudent.org, 4tests.com, and number2.com

Test Prep Courses

- *WSHS ACT Prep Course*
Kim Volden, 608.786.1220 Look for Information Coming Soon Tentatively Scheduled for Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14
- *UW-L Online ACT Test Prep Course*
Karen DeSchepper, 608.785.6508 or kdeschepper@uwlax.edu
All your lessons, drills and practice tests are online, ready for you whenever you want to use them. Just log on and the prep you need will be at your fingertips. Access anytime, anywhere on any Internet ready device (smartphone, tablet, pc, etc).
Cost: \$175
- *UW-L Face-to-Face ACT Test Prep Course*
Karen DeSchepper, 608.785.6508 or kdeschepper@uwlax.edu
February 7, 21, 28 March 7, 14, 21 *(no class on 2/14)
Saturdays, 8:30-11:30 a.m. OR 12:30-3:30 p.m.
UW-La Crosse, 141 C. Wimberly Hall
\$175, includes textbook set; pre- and post- tests; diagnostic assessment reports; face-to-face instruction and interaction with qualified instructors. (Class runs an additional 15 minutes Week 1 and Week 6 for testing).
Registration Deadline: Jan. 23, 2015