

# Junior Year Guide



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# Junior Year Checklist

- **College Prep Courses.** Your course schedule should reflect all necessary college preparatory classes. Be sure to take as challenging a course schedule as you can handle, including any AP and honors classes, when available and appropriate.
- **Test time!** Find out the testing dates for the school year. Find out what test(s) are required for the college(s) you are considering. Register for and take the SAT or ACT at least one time your Junior year. Utilize free test preparation resources available online and elsewhere. The SAT and ACT web sites offer free practice tests as do web sites that focus specifically on college entrance exam test preparation, including [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com) and [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com).
- **National Merit Scholarship Qualification.** Register in early fall for the October PSAT. This test will serve as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying exam and is a good practice for the SAT.
- **Document Deadlines for your Senior year.** Research state and federal financial aid programs. Look for scholarship opportunities. Make a timeline for application deadlines for your senior year. Explore free scholarship search websites, such as [www.fundmyfuture.info](http://www.fundmyfuture.info).
- **Get ready to apply for scholarships.** In the spring, consider having a professional photo made to send with scholarship applications. Many scholarships will require your photo. Write an early draft essay about you college and career goals to submit with scholarships. Start exploring scholarship searches. Some private scholarships begin accepting applications at the end of your Junior year.
- **Future College Athlete?** Athlete's planning to play sports at a Division I or II must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center beginning in the summer following your junior year.
- **College Decisions.** Investigate potential colleges of interest. Use catalogs, publications, web sites, college fairs and online college campus tours to gather more information.
- **AP Testing.** In the spring, register for and complete AP tests for any AP courses you are currently taking in high school.
- **Visit college campuses.** While summer is often a convenient time for families to schedule campus visits, it is not always the best time to see a school. Try to visit a college when classes are in session and students are on the campus. That way, you can get a feel for campus life, meet professors and staff, attend a class, and eat a meal on campus.
- **How much does college cost?** Start reviewing tuition, fee, and housing costs to get an idea of the real cost of college.
- **Forecast aid eligibility.** Use FAFSA4caster at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) to start estimating potential financial aid eligibility. Income earned in 2019 will be used for your FAFSA when you begin college in 2021.
- **Save for college.** Remember the federal government assumes every family will contribute something toward the cost of attending college. Although your college years may not be far off, remember anything you and your family puts away now will be welcomed assistance when the time comes.

Did you know? Your spring and summer earnings during and following the junior year can affect financial aid for your 2021-2022 FAFSA. Complete the FAFSA4caster at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).



Stuck on Math  
Or Chemistry  
Homework?

Here is **HELP!**

PhotoStudy is an app for your phone or a website for your computer that will help you with all levels of Math or Chemistry. A live tutor will guide you to help you understand how to work the problems.

**\*\*remember to never give out personal information online\*\***

PhotoStudy is **FREE** to you as a TRIO Educational Talent Search Student.

How to access your FREE tutoring sessions using your MOBILE device:

1. Download "PhotoStudy" in the App Store
2. Select "PRESET ACCOUNT" to sign in
3. Enter your email address that you have on file with Ms. Gilley
4. Create a password

How to access your FREE tutoring sessions using the WEBSITE:

1. Go to <https://student.photostudy.co>
2. Click on Preset Account 
3. Enter your email address that you have on file with Ms. Gilley
4. Create a password

Take a pic of the Problem,  
Drag and Drop if on web or  
describe the problem



Instantly connect with a live  
tutor



Tutors help solve the problem  
and answer questions to help  
you understand





## How to Register for the ACT Exam:

### 1. Gather the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Email (one you can get into and remember the password)
- Social Security Number
- Parent's name and email
- High School Classes and Grades
- List of Potential Colleges (I always suggest to include North Arkansas College)
- Digital Head Shot
- Credit Card or Fee Waiver

### 2. Go to the ACT Registration Website:

- <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html>

### 3. Create an Account:

- Write down your login and password. (trust me on this)

Login: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Click on "Register to Test"

- Make sure to answer these questions accurately.

### 5. Complete the profile sections.

- Most of these questions are optional. Do them anyway.

### 6. Choose your test date.

#### 2019-2020 Test Dates (National)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 14, 2019	August 16, 2019	August 17-30, 2019
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019	September 21-October 4, 2019
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019	November 9-22, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	January 11-17, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	February 29-March 13, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 9-22, 2020
July 18, 2020*	June 19, 2020	June 20-26, 2020

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7. Select your test option: With or Without Writing
  - Most colleges in Arkansas DO NOT require the Writing
  - College of the Ozarks DO NOT require the Writing
8. Choose the colleges to receive your scores.
  - You can list 4.
  - If you wait and try to send your scores after you take the test, there is a charge of \$12
  - You should list 4
  - Please list North Arkansas College. (Trust me)
9. Pick your test center.
  - North Arkansas College
    - Sep, Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jul
  - Marshall High School
    - Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr
  - Valley Springs High School
    - Sep, Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr
  - Jasper High School
    - Sep, Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr
10. Confirm your information
  - Double check and make sure that your information is correct
11. Pay for the test
  - \$50.50 without writing, pay with Credit card
  - Waiver
    - Eligibility Requirements
      1. Enrolled in 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grades
      2. Testing in the US, US territories or Puerto Rico
      3. Meet 1 of the following indicators
        - a. Enrolled in Free or Reduced Lunch Program
        - b. Enrolled in Educational Talent Search but still show you are disadvantaged
        - c. Reside in foster home, ward of the state or homeless
        - d. Family receives low income public assistance
        - e. Family's total annual income is at or below the USDA levels for free or reduced lunch
12. Upload your picture and print your ticket
  - Keep up with your ticket



## How to prepare for the ACT

There are many ways to prepare for the ACT Exam. Here is a list of a few ways. Please keep in mind there are “many” other ways to prepare.

- Ms. Gilley and the ETS program will host an ACT boot camp. You should attend. It is always FREE!
- Use the “How to Prepare the ACT” booklet that is in your folder. The answers are in the back of the book.
- Go online at [actacademy.act.org](http://actacademy.act.org)
  - Create a username and password

## Things to remember:

- You must arrive on time at the test location. Most tests start at 8 AM get there AT the LATEST by 7:45 AM.
- EAT BREAKFAST
- Get a good night’s sleep!
- Take your Driver’s License and your Ticket.
- Your counselor or Ms. Gilley will NOT be available on the morning of the test.

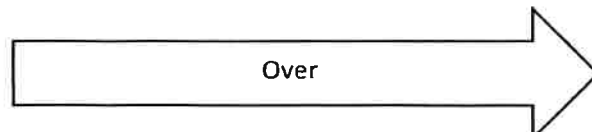
# ACCUPLACER

## ➤ What is the Accuplacer?

- A comprehensive, web-based assessment tool used to determine your skills in reading, writing and math.
- Test is untimed but most students complete in less than 90 minutes
- All questions must be answered.
- Cannot go back to answer any questions.
- This is an adaptive test.
  - This means that the questions get more difficult as you give more right answers.
  - For every wrong answer, the questions get easier.
- Test scores are available as soon as you have completed the Exam.

## ➤ Why take the Accuplacer?

- To see where you are before the ACT.
- If you really just DON'T want to take the ACT.
  - However, some colleges will not accept the Accuplacer.
  - Some Scholarships will not take the Accuplacer.
- If you are going to college for a technical certificate or degree and just don't want to take the ACT.
  - \*\*\*\*\*WARNING\*\*\*\*\* You are required to take the ACT as Junior.
- If you make less than 19 on any subject area on the ACT, then I recommend taking the Accuplacer for that particular subject.





## **HOW TO STUDY FOR THE ACCUPLACER**

1. Go to [accuplacer.collegeboard.org](https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org)
2. Click on Students
3. Click on Student Practice

You can take this test at your High School. Check with your Counselor.

You do not have to the whole test all at one time. You could just take a section at a time.