

2011-2012 LPS PSAT-SAT-ACT Test Preparation Workshops

<http://isite.lps.org/lgeisert/index.html>

Please note: This is the only mailing we will make for LPS ACT & PSAT-SAT Prep Workshops.

Workshop Goals:

- ◆ Help students become efficient, effective, confident test-takers for the ACT, PSAT, and SAT tests.
- ◆ Review test content.
- ◆ Provide outstanding, affordable test prep for all students.

What you should not expect from the workshop:

- ◆ A prep workshop CANNOT substitute for good academic preparation. A student should take college prep classes or the most challenging courses he or she can handle, and READ, READ, READ to improve reading speed and comprehension.
- ◆ A prep workshop CANNOT guarantee test scores that ensure scholarships or college admission. LPS workshops provide an excellent opportunity to prepare, but score improvement depends primarily on the time and energy a student invests in the course.

Helpful websites – test registration, late registration, on-line practice tests, the college admission process:

- ◆ ACT: www.ACT.org
- ◆ SAT : www.collegeboard.com
- ◆ <http://mycollegecalendar.org>
- ◆ Check your school's counseling center for test registration booklets and college planning advice.

Seniors: Register early for fall workshops!

These workshops fill quickly. When we reach the registration limit, registration WILL BE CLOSED.

High School College Planning and Resources websites:

- ◆ East High School: <http://wp.lps.org/ehscounseling/college-resourcesplanning>
- ◆ Lincoln High School: <http://isite.lps.org/svasa/CollegeResources.html>
- ◆ Southeast High School: <http://lse.lps.org/detail.html?id=2345>
- ◆ Southwest High School: <http://isite.lps.org/pvolker/web/PlanningforafterHighSchool.html>

Cost: \$80 for each 7-week ACT or PSAT-SAT workshop. Tuition is reduced if a student qualifies for free or reduced lunch. Please provide verification of lunch status: a copy of the approval letter, or a note or email from your school counselor.

Refund Policy: Cancellation requests must be received before the first class date. A \$20.00 handling fee will apply.

Late Registration Fee: \$20

Location: Bryan Community, 301 S. 48th (about 3 blocks north from 48th & O St., on the east side of 48th)
Classrooms at Bryan are handicap accessible.

Questions about LPS prep workshops? E-mail LGEISERT@LPS.ORG or call Linda Geisert 402-441-5639

Questions about which test to take, when to take these tests, and how to register for the tests: Please contact your student's school counselor for up-to-date college information. As a classroom teacher, I focus on test prep methods only.

Students with IEPs may qualify for adjusted ACT, SAT or PSAT testing conditions – contact your IEP manager. The IEP manager must submit documentation used by the ACT or SAT organization to determine the type and extent of adjustments allowed.

Are there other ways to prepare for these tests? Absolutely!

- ◆ Take the practice test found in the ACT registration booklet or the on-line SAT practice test, then learn from the questions missed. This option is free!
- ◆ Study independently with test prep books or CD-ROMs available at bookstores. The official ACT or SAT study books contain actual tests (that's what we use). However, they offer very little help for test-taking strategies.
- ◆ Check East High School's website (above) for links to other local options. Some options cost more but provide smaller class sizes or a location and time that may be more suitable for your student's needs.

Parents – please talk to your student before registering! After a full day of school, an evening course tests a student's endurance! Be sure your student is committed to investing the time and energy needed, and is aware of the following workshop rules:

- ◆ Attendance will be taken each week. **Parents: please let us know your student's absence is excused.**
- ◆ Students may not talk and socialize during class, especially during testing.
- ◆ Cell phone use is prohibited. Students are to leave their cell phones turned off and return messages at the break or after class.
- ◆ We will contact parents about students who disrupt class.

Schedule of LPS workshops and registration form: See the reverse side of this form.

ACT WORKSHOPS:

ACT Fall 2011 – Session 1 (timed for the Oct. 22 test)

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 20, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 4, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 6:30-8:30 pm
Saturday Oct. 15, 8:00-11:45 am (same date as PSAT test) *
Register by Aug. 29, 2011 – maximum 50 students

ACT Fall 2011 – Session 2 (timed for the Dec. 10 test)

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 1, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 8, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 15, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 22, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 29, 6:30-8:30 pm
Saturday, Dec. 3, 8:00-11:45 am (same date as an SAT test) *
Register by Oct. 17, 2011 – maximum 50 students

ACT Spring 2012 – Session 3 (timed for the April 14 test)

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, March 6, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, March 20, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, March 27, 6:30-8:30 pm
Saturday, March 31, 8:00-11:45 am
Register by Feb. 3, 2012 – maximum 50 students

ACT Spring 2012 – Session 4 (timed for the June 9 test)

Tuesday, April 10, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, April 17, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, April 24, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, May 1, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, May 8, 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, May 15, 6:30-8:30 pm
Saturday, May 19, 8:00-11:45 am
Register by March 20, 2012 – maximum 50 students

Students should plan to attend all classes in a session. If a student cannot attend an evening, no make up class will be offered. When possible, homework instructions will be provided.

Please keep this top portion as your record of class dates. Return only the bottom portion with payment.

Mail to: Linda Geisert, Pathfinder Program, 1200 Radcliff St., Lincoln, NE 68512 [] ACT Fall 2011 Session 1
Make check payable to Lincoln Public Schools [] ACT Fall 2011 Session 2
Please print: Student ID _____ [] ACT Spring 2012 Session 3
Student Name _____ Grade _____ [] ACT Spring 2012 Session 4
Math class at time of workshop _____ School _____ [] PSAT & SAT Fall 2011
(If not enrolled in math, list the student's last math class completed)
Address (street-city) _____ Zip code _____
Parent's Name _____ Home Phone: _____
PRINT Parent's e-mail address: _____ Work Phone: _____
(Parent e-mails are used to confirm registration, send homework, or notify you of changes such as a snow cancellation.)

PSAT & SAT FALL 2011 WORKSHOP:

(timed for the Oct. 1 SAT and the Oct. 15 PSAT tests)
Thursday, Aug. 18, 6:30-8:30 pm
Thursday, Aug. 25, 6:30-8:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 1, 6:30-8:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 8, 6:30-8:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 15, 6:30-8:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 22, 6:30-8:30 pm
Saturday, Sept. 24, 8:00-11:45 am
Register by Aug. 4, 2011 – maximum 25 students

(For one evening, there may be a time conflict with Bryan Community's Parent-Teacher Conferences. Conference dates are not yet available. If a conflict occurs, I will email parents about any time or date change.)

ACT NATIONAL TEST DATES

MUST register separately with ACT for the national test
September 10, 2011 February 11, 2012
October 22, 2011 April 14, 2012
December 10, 2011 June 9, 2012

PSAT NATIONAL TEST DATE: October 15, 2011

Juniors taking the PSAT are considered for National Merit Scholarships. Students MUST register separately for the national test. Online registration is not available. Students must register through the schools' counseling offices.

SAT NATIONAL TEST DATES

MUST register separately with SAT for the national test
October 1, 2011 March 10, 2012
November 5, 2011 May 5, 2012
December 3, 2011 June 2, 2012
January 28, 2012

*For ACT test registration deadlines, go to:
<http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html>
For SAT test registration deadlines and fees, go to:
<http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-dates>*

** Several of our Saturday ACT practice tests occur on the same dates as national PSAT or SAT tests. Unfortunately, we can't schedule around these dates. Consider registering your student for a different workshop. Or, the student can take the practice test at home under timed conditions.*