

# ACT Test Preparation

Suggested Resources as of November 2010

Bartlett High School students will take the ACT in April of their junior year as part of the two-day Prairie State Achievement Exam. We highly recommend that ALL students utilize one or more resources to prepare for the exam. For more information and resources, students should see their Guidance Counselor.

## CLASSES AND TUTORING

- **Princeton Review.** Princeton Review is a private company that offers a comprehensive ACT prep course held at Bartlett High School each winter. The 2011 class runs Mondays and Wednesdays, 6pm to 9pm, Feb 28 – April 28. The fee is \$399.00 To register, call 773-697-6000.
- **Excel Edge.** Excel Edge is a private company that offers a comprehensive course (ACT 36) in the evenings at Bartlett High School. The 2011 class runs Tuesday evenings, Feb 1 through March 22 with a practice test on March 15 at 5:30-9:00pm. Alternate days are available at neighboring schools. The fee is \$235.00. To register, call 219-838-0740 or go online at [www.exceledgeinc.com/registration](http://www.exceledgeinc.com/registration).
- **Elgin Community College.** ECC's ACT prep course (CEB 903) will run Saturdays Feb 19 through March 19, and the cost is \$329.00. Students can choose either 9am to 3pm or 10am to 4pm. Call 847-622-3036.
- **One-on-one or small group tutoring.** In addition to group courses, many companies offer private tutoring for those who prefer one-on-one instruction. Tutors can be found locally through companies such as Kumon (630-540-9771), Huntington (800-CAN LEARN), Tutoring Club of Bartlett (630-372-8886) Revolution Prep (877-738-7737) and many others. This is the priciest option. Choose carefully and check credentials.

## ONLINE STUDY

- **Peterson's Student Edge.** Bartlett High School has a **pre-paid** subscription for all of our students to use this online tutorial (**FREE** for Bartlett High School students!) There are multiple practice tests for all subject areas for all grade levels for both the ACT and the SAT. Visit [www.studentedge.com](http://www.studentedge.com) and use the initial Access Code: VATALNUT.
- **ACT COMPANY.** ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)) - Here you will find practice test questions and suggestions for studying for the exam. If the student wants to take the ACT more than once, this is where you register. This is also the website students use to request that their test scores be sent to prospective colleges.
- **ACT Online Prep.** ([www.actonlineprep.com](http://www.actonlineprep.com)) – This is an online prep created by the makers of the test. There are two practice tests and one diagnostic test which provide students with a study path. Individual licenses are \$19.95 per year.
- **Online ACT courses.** These are for students who have convenient computer access and are serious about dedicating time to prepare. Some options include: Illinois Virtual School (a six-week course, [www.ilvirtual.org](http://www.ilvirtual.org)), Princeton Review ([www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)), and Kaplan ([www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com)). Fees from \$225 - \$300+.

## OTHER INDEPENDENT, SELF-PACED STUDY

- **Test Guides.** You can find a number of study guides with practice tests at your local library, bookstore or online book seller such as [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). Some titles include: Kaplan's ACT (also available at [www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com)) and The Real ACT Prep Guide (also available at [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)).
- **Software.** Your book seller also carries software programs with practice tests, such as those published by Kaplan. Priced from \$20 - \$40.