

Junior Seminar: College Readiness & ACT Prep

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Course Description

This course prepares students for the college application process through focused ACT test preparation, college entrance essay writing, resume development, and post-secondary research. Upon completion of course, students will this class with a complete College Readiness Portfolio, including a polished personal statement, professional resume, organized college list, and scholarship research plan.

Grading Breakdown

Category	Weight
ACT Prep Assignments & Practice Tests	30%
College Essay Drafts & Final	15%
Resume Drafts & Final	15%
College & Scholarship Research Portfolio	15%
Participation & Preparedness	25%

Required Materials

- ACT Prep Guide (latest edition)
- iPad
- Access to college/scholarship databases (e.g., Naviance, BigFuture, Common App)

Rotational Units

Unit	Topics & Activities	Major Assignments
Introduction & Goal Setting	Course overview, ACT scoring, Pre-ACT diagnostic, goal setting, college application timeline	ACT Diagnostic Test
ACT Prep: English & Reading	Grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, reading comprehension, timed drills, vocabulary strategies	Weekly ACT section quizzes
ACT Prep: Math & Science	Algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculator strategies, interpreting graphs, data analysis, midterm full-length ACT practice test	Midterm ACT Practice Test
College Research & Exploration	College “fit” factors, majors/career paths, building a balanced college list, scholarship databases	College List Portfolio
College Entrance Essay Writing	Common App prompts, narrative techniques, drafting & revising, peer reviews	Final College Entrance Essay
Resume Writing & Personal Branding	Formatting, action verbs, highlighting achievements, extracurriculars, leadership roles	Final Resume
Application Strategy & Readiness	Application types, letters of recommendation, interview prep, financial aid overview, senior year checklist	Interview Practice
Final Assessments & Presentations	Post-course ACT practice test, portfolio presentation, reflection	College Readiness Portfolio Presentation & Final ACT Practice Test