

Grant Community High School '10

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Mon. 4-6
Sect. A
Room 153

Mon. 4-6
Sect. B
Room 155

Mon. 6:30-8:30
Sec. C
Room 153

Class #1 1/11 ***	Intro/English 1 AH	Intro/Math 1 KZ		Intro/English 1 AH
Class #2 1/25	English 2/ W AH	Math 2&3 KZ		English 2/ W AH
Class #3 2/1	Math 1/ College KZ/ EC	Coll./ English1 EC/ AH		Math 1/ College KZ/ EC
Class #4 2/8 ***	Math 2 & 3 KZ	English 2/W AH		Math 2 & 3 KZ
Class #5 2/22 ***	Reading AH	Science MA		Reading AH
Class #6 3/8	Science MA	Reading AH		Science MA
Class #7 3/15	Eval/Test (4-7:30 p.m.) AH	Eval/Test (4-7:30 p.m.) KZ		Eval/Test (4-7:30 p.m.) MA
Class #8 3/22	Test Review KZ/AH/MA/AH	Test Review AH/KZ/AH/MA		Test Review KZ/AH/MA/AH

*** Ellen – You are on site to scan on 3/15.

Team and Supervisor Info: Ellen Corey is the site supervisor.

(MA) Michael Anderson

(EC) Ellen Corey

(AH) Amanda Herrick

(KZ) Kathy Zielinski

847-587-2561 x 236 call if need to change a class or for absence

November 2009

Dear Grant High School Junior,

For you and your college-bound classmates, the ACT is an important exam. In fact, the test has become a national rite of passage for most juniors because of its pivotal role in the college application process. However, for Illinois students like you, the test takes on added significance because of its role in the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE), a test that the state requires all juniors take in April. Again this year, Grant High School has invited ExcelEdge to give its juniors *the edge* on this high-stakes test, just as it has every year since 1993, by offering our test preparation program, **ACT 36**. Our goal is to wrap up our program immediately before the two April ACT exams – the national test on **April 10** and the PSAE on **April 28**.

Once you take the ACT in April of 2010 and begin your college search, you will discover that your ACT score will play an important role in determining your future direction. Your high school guidance counselor will use your ACT score to recommend colleges and universities that are academically competitive for you. Scholarship competitions will use your ACT score if you are an applicant. College admissions personnel will weigh your ACT score and your high school transcript to determine your likely success at their institution. The NCAA will use your ACT score to determine eligibility if you are a scholar-athlete. Your college academic advisor may use your ACT score to place you in classes. In short, your best ACT score will complement your transcript.

ACT 36 is designed to help you earn your best possible score by familiarizing you with the ACT – the content, the timing, the pacing and the strategies – through weekly practice with and analysis of authentic ACT exams. The program also offers you a review of English and math skills utilized by the testmaker. The result is a new level of self confidence and an improved score. Students will discover that when the mystery is removed from the test, they can do their personal best. Very simply, **ACT 36** works when juniors do.

Our classes will be held on Mondays with two different time options: 4:00-6:00 and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Classes will begin on January 11. Classes will not meet on school holidays. Because perfect attendance adds to your point total, please save the following dates:

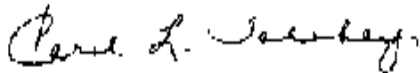
Mondays 4:00-6:00 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m.

1/11
--- (Martin Luther King Day)
1/25
2/1
2/8
--- (Presidents' Day)
2/22
--- (Pulaski Day)
3/8
3/15 **Practice Test 4:00-7:30 for all students**
3/22

To enroll in **ACT 36**, please complete the attached **ACT 36** Registration. Include a check for \$205 made payable to Grant Community High School, and deliver your completed **ACT 36** Registration to Mrs. Ellen Corey, Counselor. **Registration begins immediately and closes on December 14. It is important for you to register on time. We will guarantee enrollment to all students who meet the deadline.** Class lists will be posted in the Guidance Office the week before classes begin to remind you of your starting date and notify you of your room assignment. If you have a question on either test preparation or registration, please ask Mrs. Corey, 847-587-2561 x 236; or call Carol or David Talabay of ExcelEdge, 219-838-0740.

Your ACT score is too important to leave to chance. By enrolling in **ACT 36**, you can give yourself an edge in the competitive college market. You will find that **ACT 36** is more than a test prep book; it is a new way of thinking about tests. We look forward to sharing our game plan for success with you and the rest of the Class of 2011 of Grant Community High School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol L. Talabay".

Carol L. Talabay

REGISTRATION 2010 – GRANT COMMUNITY H. S.

You may enroll in the test preparation course, *ACT 36*, by completing all the blanks below. Class lists will be posted in the Guidance Office to remind you of your starting date and notify you of your room assignment.

PERSONAL DATA: PLEASE PRINT.

Name: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Home Address: Street Number _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (home) _____ Parent at work: (name) _____ (phone) _____

Parent E-mail address: _____ Student E-mail address: _____

STUDENT COMMITMENT: *I understand that I am making a commitment to attend all sessions and to complete all assignments in order to benefit the most from this course.*

Student's signature _____

PARENT RELEASE: *I authorize my child's school to give ExcelEdge, Inc., a copy of my student's ACT score. I understand that this data will be used only for research and will remain confidential.*

Parent's signature _____

CLASS TIME: Classes will meet on Mondays from January 11 to March 22. Please indicate your first (1st) and second (2nd) choice. We will accommodate your preference, if possible.

no preference _____ 4:00-6:00 _____ 6:30-8:30 _____

PAYMENT: Please enclose a check for \$205 made payable to Grant Community High School, and turn your completed *ACT 36* Registration in to Mrs. Ellen Corey, Counselor. **Registration begins immediately, and registration closes on December 14. We will guarantee enrollment to students who register by the deadline. No refunds will be issued once the program begins.**

We look forward to giving you the *36* edge.

Directors

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NEWS FLASH

ACT 36 Classes Begin January 11!

What? ACT 36, a test preparation program for the April 10, 2010, ACT and the April 28, 2010, PSAE (Prairie State Achievement Exam)

When? Monday evenings from 4:00-6:00 or 6:30-8:30 through March 22

Who? All college-bound juniors

Where? Grant Community High School

Why? Test preparation can make a difference in your score. Give yourself the ACT 36 edge that will allow you to show the college of your choice the very best you. Recent ACT 36 participants have said:

The textbook, ACT 36, is really informative and helpful. This book has a sense of humor and terrific strategies. The teachers were extra friendly and sincere and knew what they were doing. ACT 36 made me feel secure.

I have received a solid foundation of test-taking skills, both offensive and defensive. After taking this class, I'm confident that I can receive a 30.

I appreciate what ACT 36 is doing for students all over Illinois. I thought the program was beneficial and worthwhile. The teachers were humorous and knowledgeable. Keep up the good work!

ACT 36 is a well-organized presentation of facts and hints. I enjoyed the program because I became familiar with strategies and timing.

Cost? \$205, about \$11 per instructional hour

How? Information packets will be mailed to your home in November. Return your completed registration form by December 14. Questions about test preparation may be answered by Mrs. Ellen Corey, Grant Counselor, or Carol or Dave Talabay of ExcelEdge at 219-838-0740.

Not just a test prep program ... a new way of thinking

ACT 36

Our Program. *ACT 36* is a test preparation program designed for college-bound juniors. The goal of the program is to give students the confidence, strategies and content skills necessary to score their personal best on the ACT. Used for college admission, the ACT also is a part of the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE), a test which is required of all Illinois juniors. Students' scores improve when juniors become familiar and comfortable with the ACT – its content, the timing, the pacing, and the strategies for approaching the exam. Juniors practice at each class with three authentic ACT tests, ensuring that students learn to think like the test maker. In an eight-week period, students cover all ACT test content:

- Introduction to *ACT 36*
- English
- Mathematics
- Reading
- Science
- Writing
- College Selection Seminar
- Full-length Practice ACT
- Test and Strategy Review

Our Teachers. *ACT 36* teachers are content specialists, carefully trained and fully certified. More than just knowledgeable, ExcelEdge™ staff members are personable and well-liked by students they teach. Working with groups of about 20 students in a class, a team of three teachers helps students acquire the skills necessary for exam success, allowing juniors to show colleges, universities, and scholarship programs the best they can be.

Our Students. *ACT 36* participants have said:

*The book is awesome and really informational. The teachers were upbeat and really fun.
The time frame for the course is the perfect amount of time.*

I thought the strategies were ingenious and very helpful.

All my test grades have gone up since I took ACT 36.

*The course gave me a lot of key points that helped me with concepts that I didn't understand.
The defenses to narrow down questions were great.*

This program is extremely beneficial for anyone taking the ACT. Just knowing the material isn't enough. You need to learn strategies and pacing.

Well worth the money and time...

Not just test preparation ... New ways of thinking