

ACT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TO: JUNIOR STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS
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All JUNIORS will have the opportunity to take the ACT test here at Marian Central on **Saturday, April 4, 2020**. ACT or SAT test results are required for admission at most colleges throughout the country.

REGISTRATION

Any Marian student wishing to take the ACT Test must register online at www.actstudent.org. The Registration deadline for the April test is Friday, February 28.

HELPFUL HINTS:

IMPORTANT!...*If you have taken the ACT Test prior to the April date, be certain that when you register you log-in online with the same account information as you did when you registered in the past. This will insure that you don't create a duplicate account with ACT which could lead to potential confusion when sending scores to colleges.*

YOUR PERSONAL PROFILE SECTION

This section begins with YOUR HIGH SCHOOL SUMMARY and ends at ACCOMPLISHMENTS. You will be asked to report information about your background, interests, needs and plans. You may skip any question you do not wish to answer.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY SERVICE (EOS)

Early in the online registration process ACT asks whether or not you want to be part of their Educational Opportunity Service (text box in the YOUR INFORMATION area). Answer **"yes"** if you want to have the opportunity to be considered for the *Illinois State Scholar Program* and other educational/financial aid programs.

YOUR INTEREST INVENTORY

The results of this section are reported with your ACT scores. The information will help in considering college majors, strengthening current college major plans, considering career possibilities and in planning high school and college coursework.

YOUR TEST SELECTION

In the section entitled "Your High School", you will enter/choose **MARIAN CENTRAL CATHOLIC HS, WOODSTOCK, IL, High School Code: 144-475**.

Under "Your College Choices", you have the option of choosing up to 4 schools to automatically report your scores to at no cost. This is included in your registration fee and can save you money if any of the schools to which you're applying will not accept ACT scores on your transcript.

In the section entitled "Select Your Test Center", you will enter **Marian Central's Test Center Code: 174990**.

WRITING TEST

This is an optional 40-minute essay test that measures your writing skills. An additional fee will be charged for this optional test. Taking the writing test will NOT affect your scores on the multiple-choice tests or your Composite score. If you do not take the Writing Test in April and later find out that you need it, you could retake the ACT with writing test in June, July, September, or October.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

The **Registration Deadline** for the April test date is **February 28, 2020**. The registration fee is \$52.00 for taking the standard ACT (No Writing) test or \$68.00 for the ACT with writing test. A late fee will be charged if you register during the late registration period from February 29 – March 13.

Marian Central is an official test center for ACT on Saturday, April 4, 2020 and seats are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. In other words, seats for the April date here at Marian are not reserved exclusively for Marian students. There are a number of students from area high schools who register to take the test here. **I strongly urge all juniors to register as soon as possible so that Marian students are assured a seat at Marian.** As soon as our test center is “filled”, a student will be sent to another testing center. If a junior is scheduled for another school and space becomes available here, an extra fee is charged for a test center change. So please register for the April ACT ASAP!

TEST DAY INFO

When you arrive at the test center, you are required to present both your acceptable photo identification and your printed ACT admission ticket or standby ticket. You will not be admitted if you do not have both of these items. The ID you present, including any required signatures, must be *original*, not a photocopy or reproduction, and your name must be in English. Acceptable forms of identification are listed at www.actstudent.org.

During the test, students should pay attention to the time to help pace themselves. For example, the Mathematics test will take 60 minutes with 60 questions-which means one question per minute. Watches with alarms, cell phones, pagers, or any other device which makes noise are not allowed. If any of these items go off during testing it is cause for dismissal. Calculators *may be used* for the Mathematics test. Visit www.actstudent.org for details about prohibited calculator models and features.

TEST RESULTS

Schedules for online posting of scores after each test date are at www.actstudent.org along with reasons why some scores take longer. Most scores are available for *online viewing* within 2 weeks after each national test date. Your scores are not reported any faster if you view them online. Score reports are normally *released* within 3 to 8 weeks after each test date. If you took the writing test, your score reports will be released only after all your scores are available, including writing, typically about 2 weeks after your multiple choice scores.

TEST PREPARATION AT MARIAN

Students will be working on ACT test preparation in their English, Math and Science classes prior to the April test. They will be using the *Preparing for the ACT Test* booklet, which includes a practice ACT test, test descriptions, and general test-taking strategies.

A listing of additional ACT prep resources is available for download on the Guidance webpage at www.marian.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**ACT TEST AT MARIAN CENTRAL
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020
7:45 AM-ARRIVE AT MARIAN CENTRAL
12:15 PM- ACT (NO WRITING) COMPLETED
1:00 PM- ACT WITH WRITING COMPLETED**