

January 16, 2025

ACT

Meeting

Presented by PHS Faculty
+ Staff



Agenda

- Welcome! - Mrs. Sonya
- What is the ACT? - Mrs. Abbott
- What's Happening in the Classrooms? - Mrs. Bibb + Mr. Thomas
 - State + National Testing - Mrs. Bruketta + Ms. Megan
 - ACT Prep + Upcoming Changes - Mrs. Abbott
 - Q & A! - All PHS Faculty & Staff
 - Dismissal-

What is ACT?

The ACT is a test that is used by post-secondary institutions for entrance into college, trade school, the workforce, career readiness, and more!

It allows for scholarships to be received, class placements, promotions, and honors.

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What ACT is NOT!

What you know!!!

How smart you are!!

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What's the test like?

Currently there are a total of 215 questions on the ACT. There are 75 English, 60 Math, 40 Reading, and 40 Science.

The test takes 2 hours and 55 minutes TOTAL to complete. It is broken down into subgroups: English – 45 minutes, Math – 60 minutes

Reading – 35 minutes
Science – 35 minutes.
There is also a 15 minute break in between the Math and Reading Test.

Composite
benchmark
is a 21!

Benchmarks

English

The benchmark
for the English
Test is an 18.

Math

The benchmark
for the math test
is a 22.

Reading

The benchmark
for the reading
test is a 22.

Science

The benchmark
for the science
test is a 23.

*Benchmark does not mean that you “passed or failed” a test. The definition of benchmark in ACT is that if you hit that score, you have a 75% chance or higher of obtaining a “C” in a college level class in that content area. Or a 50% chance of a “B” or higher.

Good News/ Bad News

The GOOD news is that we have
a plan for the BAD news you
are about hear!

ACT and College Readiness Statistics

- According to ACT, 49% of entering college freshmen do not read on a 12th grade level.
- Between 40 and 60% of first-year college students are required to take remedial courses in reading, math, or both. This limits their chances of completing college.
- 1 in 4 entering college-freshmen drop out of college.

What can we do
about it?

- Educate yourself on the ACT and prepare for it.
- **READ! Just Read. Every. Day.**

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Benefits of Reading

- Stress Reduction
- Improved Cognitive Function
- Better Sleep
- Broader Vocabulary
- Better Focus
- Better Focus and Concentration
- Improved Writing Skills
- Empathy Development
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Knowledge Acquisition

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Reading as a
Predictor

“The single most important predictor of academic success is the amount of time [students] spend reading books – more importantly even than economic or social status.”

Nancie Atwell

Reading is Lifelong

Reading is one of the only things you will do every day for the rest of your life. Whether it is reading a novel for pleasure, comments on an Instagram post, instructions in a manual, or a contract for work; understanding what we read is vitally important even after you leave school.

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Reading

and Other Subjects

On the Math section, every question is a word question; you have to read before you can even get to the math part.

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MONEY!!!

Make a 21
on the
ACT

OR

Improve
your score
by at least
3 points

PEABODY SCHOLAR

ACT scores combined with GPAs are used in a formula to determine Peabody Scholars. A student with a 4.0 GPA must achieve an ACT score of 26 to be a Peabody Scholar.

Jane Ross

ACT Workshop offered every fall semester.

The workshop lasts one school day and gives important tips to improve your overall score on the ACT.

The cost is typically \$25 per student and that includes their lunch.

State ACT

FREE ACT

Given during the school day

Junior Year -

Spring (March 18, 2025)

Senior Year -

Fall (usually October)

ACT WAIVER

- If you qualified for free/reduced lunch
- Two junior year & two senior year

National ACT

- Given on Saturdays and Sundays
- Test given at Peabody on these dates: February 9, April 5, and April 6
- There are other test dates at other locations: February 8, June 14, July 12
- There will be test also in September and December of 2025

National ACT

Register at
MyACT.org

Upload a
picture to
your portal

Driver's license
on test day or
ACT Photo
letter

Questions? Email
katie.bruketta@
trentonssd.org

National/State

- More than just a college entrance exam. ACT is an exam that can also determine your career readiness as well.
- Moving up in your career at a variety of companies may require you to submit an ACT score to get that promotion.
- It is wise to put effort into this test now just in case you may need it later.

ACT Changes

Coming soon – we will see a NEW and Improved ACT Test at the National Level!

*Changes made for our state test will be made by the state dept by February.

There will only be 50 English Questions with a time of 35 minutes; there will only be 36 reading questions with a time of 40 minutes.

There will only be 45 math questions with 50 minutes.

At the national level – science will be optional.

New &
Improved!!!

what does that mean for me?

1.

Beginning in Spring of 2025 – national online tests will be moving to the science optional test.

2.

Beginning in Fall of 2025, the new composite score will ONLY include English, Math, and Reading.

3.

We currently do not know if Science will be optional at the state level; that is a decision we are waiting to hear.

4.

The test is going to have less questions and more time per question for you to succeed.

*These changes are coming to hopefully increase student performance. Because taking the ACT is a state requirement for graduation, we must do what the state requires us to do. The more information that comes available, we will push that out.

ACT Prep

PHS is offering ACT Prep as a class for students!!

- A one semester class.
- Prep in all four test areas.
- Learn tips, tricks, and strategies.
 - Set goals!
- Allows for more individual practice based on the level you are at!

SURPRISE!!

In addition to our ACT Prep Class, we have found an additional prep opportunity for our students.

Alex Beene, ACT Prep Extraordinaire, will be at PHS on January 23 for ALL juniors to attend a FREE Bootcamp Session to help prepare them for their upcoming State ACT Test!

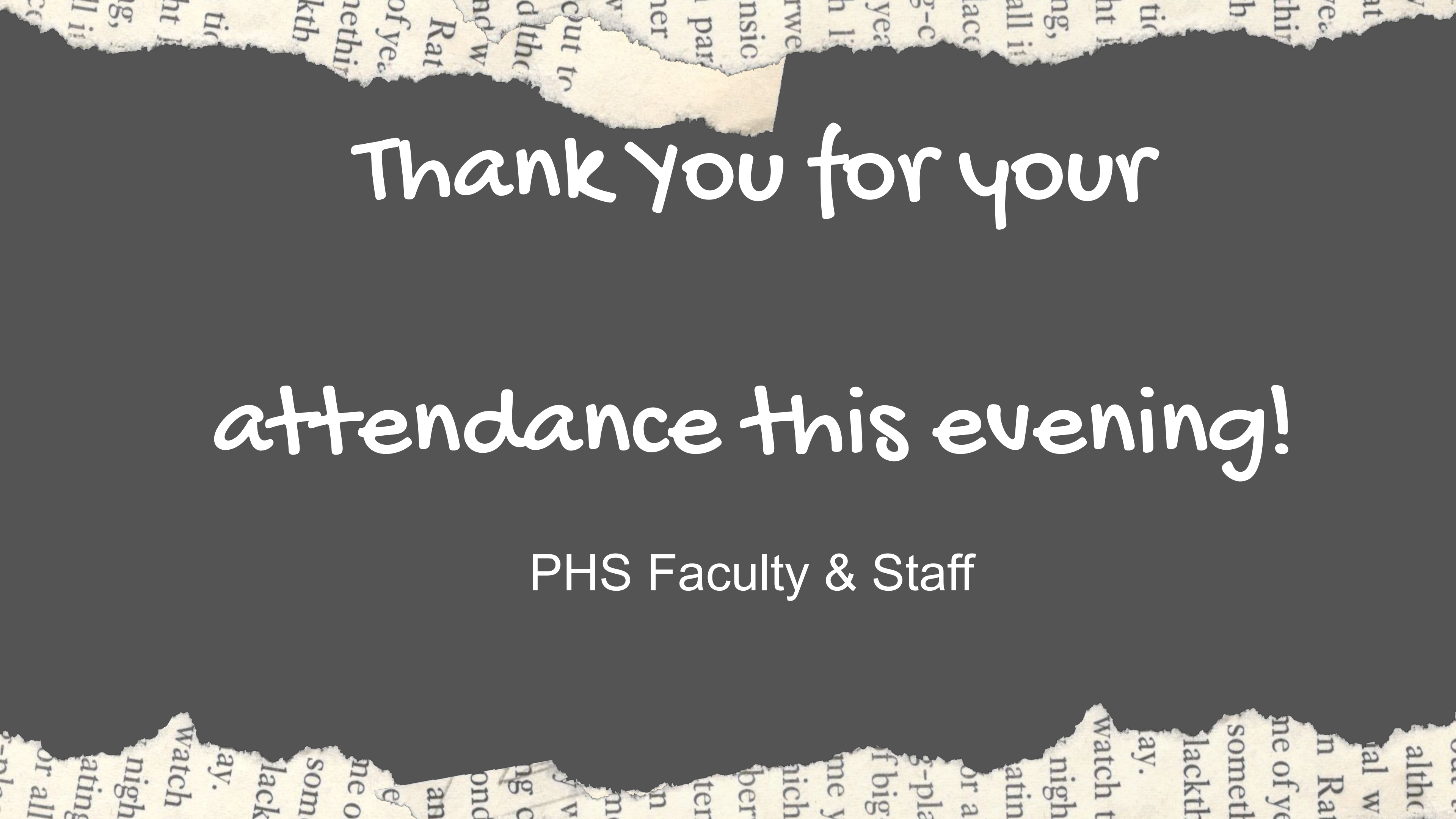
We are ECSTATIC about this opportunity for our students to help gain additional prep from someone who works so closely with the ACT Organization.

Question Time!

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Thank You for your
attendance this evening!

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