

Wyoming Department of Education Required Virtual Education Course Syllabus

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

Program Name	WYCA	Content Area	Other
Course ID	CAOT77558	Grade Level	9, 10, 11, 12
Course Name	College Prep with ACT	# of Credits	0.5
SCED Code	22001G0.5011	Curriculum Type	Connections Academy

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will help the student navigate through the ACT's OA Test Preparation Web site, access two full ACT practice tests, and learn the necessary skills in order to take the ACT test. This course also includes several lessons on OT critical aspects of preparing for college, including developing a college resume, writing effective personal essays, and requesting letters of recommendation. This course is intended to prepare the student to take the ACT test. As the student works through the course, he will focus on learning more about his strengths and weaknesses as well as learn test-taking strategies that are specific to the ACT test. That way, when the student takes the actual test, the scores will be a good representation of the student's abilities. Finally, the student will submit a Personal Improvement Plan, which will reflect the areas for improvement that the student has identified throughout this course.

WYOMING CONTENT AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

STANDARD#	BENCHMARK

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

UNIT OUTLINE	STANDARD#	OUTCOMES
<p>Lesson 1: Preparing for College: Follow Your Dreams In this lesson, you will learn how to look at yourself in a realistic and positive fashion. You will learn the importance of, and the direct applications associated with, the personal qualities of self-reliance, self-management, self-initiation, and self-advocacy. You will also be shown two invaluable tools, which you can use to organize information and plan your road to college</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin to document your strengths, interests, talents, and goals • Begin researching colleges and universities
<p>Lesson 2: Introduction to the ACT & Diagnostic Testing In this lesson, you will become familiar with the ACT® test by logging in to the Shmoop™ ACT Exam Prep Web site, reading through orientation materials, and taking the ACT diagnostic tests in English, math, reading, and science.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take diagnostic tests to assess current abilities • Research ACT test registration information
<p>Lesson 3: Preparing for College: Official Transcripts The purpose of this lesson is to explain a transcript in its entirety and to cover important information regarding the selection of courses that must be taken before applying to and entering college.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine the features of transcripts and fully understand what they mean • Relate transcript information to the college admissions process • Review academic coursework to determine college readiness
<p>Lesson 4: College Readiness Standards In this lesson, you will review and take notes on the ACT College Readiness Standards located on the College and Career Web site.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document and analyze current areas of academic strength and weakness
<p>Lesson 5: ACT Practice Test: English In this lesson, you will take the ACT® English Practice Test. Before you take the test, you will review an outline of the skills on which you will be tested, and you will also learn test-taking strategies for that specific test section. Over the next several weeks, you will take the ACT Math, Reading, Science, and Writing Practice Tests.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take practice test to assess current English knowledge and abilities • Review ways to improve English content knowledge and abilities
<p>Lesson 6: Preparing for College: Resumes & Recommendations In this lesson, you will learn how to craft a résumé. A résumé provides a snapshot of how you have spent your time; it contains personal information not found on your transcript and allows the reviewer to better understand your strengths.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to craft a résumé • Draft and revise your résumé • Begin documenting your achievements in résumé form • Learn how to obtain appropriate letters of recommendation
<p>Lesson 7: ACT Practice Test: Math In this lesson, you will take the ACT® Mathematics Practice Test. Before you take the test, you will review an outline of the skills on which you will be tested, and you will also learn test-taking strategies for that specific test section.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review practice test questions and answers to develop content knowledge and abilities • Review ways to improve mathematics skills
<p>Lesson 8: ACT Practice Test: Reading In this lesson, you will take the ACT® Reading Practice Test. Before you take the test, you will review an outline of the skills on which you will be tested, and you will also learn test-taking strategies for that specific test section.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review reading content areas and test-taking strategies • Analyze areas of academic strength and weakness
<p>Lesson 9: ACT Practice Test: Writing In this lesson, you will take the ACT® Writing Practice Test. Regardless of if you plan to take the writing test when you take the actual ACT test, it is strongly recommended that you complete the writing practice test to improve your writing skills and gain valuable feedback on your expository writing abilities.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take practice test to assess current writing abilities • Review ways to improve writing abilities

<p>Lesson 10: ACT Practice Test: Science In this lesson, you will take the ACT® Science Practice Test. Before you take the test, you will review an outline of the skills on which you will be tested, and you will also learn test-taking strategies for that specific test section.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take practice test to assess current science knowledge and abilities • Review ways to improve science content and knowledge
<p>Lesson 11: Preparing for College: The Application Essay This lesson is designed to help alleviate any fears you may have about this part of the college application.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become familiar with the essential components of the college application essay
<p>Lesson 12: Take the Online Timed ACT Practice Test In this lesson, you will set aside approximately four consecutive hours to take a timed, full-length ACT Practice Test.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice taking the ACT test under timed conditions • Review and analyze test results • Develop strategies for improving test scores
<p>Lesson 13: Preparing for College: Face-to-Face Interviews This lesson will help you prepare for college application interviews.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about and practice interview techniques and strategies • Understand what a good "fit" for college means to you
<p>Lesson 14: Preparing for College: Financial Aid During this lesson, you will be introduced to financial aid terminology, learn about various funding sources, and begin to understand the evaluation process used by colleges and universities across the country. You will also learn the things that you can do to help with the ever increasing cost of obtaining a college education.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become familiar with financial aid terminology and process • Start to research financial aid options
<p>Lesson 15: Create Your College Planning Portfolio In this lesson, you will review the ACT® preparation work you've completed so far, and begin to create a plan to help you be well-prepared for the ACT test.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a College Planning Portfolio to fully prepare for taking the ACT