

ACT Test Prep For Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind students

Frequently Asked Questions

I don't know sign language. Can I attend these classes?

Yes! These classes are for all Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind high school students. These classes are for students with ALL communication styles. We will have captioning, sign language, and spoken English available in all classes. These classes are specifically designed for YOU!

What are the prep classes on Zoom?

These classes are optional. They are held on Zoom, on Saturdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. You can prep for the ACT in your pajamas! You can sign up for all 3, or you can sign up for the subjects you think you really need to work on.

Am I required to go to the Zoom classes?

Nope. These are just extra “booster” classes to give you some extra practice preparing for the ACT test.

Why would I take the optional prep sessions online before the weekend event?

Why not? The material covered on zoom, and the material covered in person will be different. If you want a better score on your ACT, we suggest you attend all the prep sessions on Zoom AND the full weekend event in February!

What do I need to participate in the prep classes on Zoom?

You need to be able to wake up to start class at 10:00 am 😊 You also need a computer or laptop with a camera and a strong internet connection. Tablets are OK, but the small screen really makes it difficult to see everything you need to see. If you do not have a laptop or computer, we can talk to your school about getting a loaner device.

Who teaches the optional prep sessions that are held online?

The same teachers who will be at the Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD) on the weekend of February 17-19 will also teach the optional prep sessions. All of these teachers are Deaf or hard of hearing themselves, or they are experienced in teaching Deaf/Hard of Hearing/DeafBlind students. They know how you learn best!

I am not an Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD) student. Can I still register?

Yes! You do not need to be an OSD student to attend the classes. We are excited to have students from all over the state, from lots of different schools, with lots of different communication styles -- together!

Where will I sleep when I am at OSD?

Students will sleep in the student dorms on the OSD campus. There will be assigned adults in all dorms to monitor students and keep them safe through the night.

Do I have to stay at the dorm at OSD?

You may leave campus and sleep at an alternative location if an approved adult signs you out before you leave campus.

Can I attend the weekend sessions online via zoom? Do I have to go to OSD?

The sessions on February 17, 18, and 19 are all in-person at OSD. If the weather is bad (because this is Ohio), there is a possibility we will host classes online instead.

Is food provided at OSD?

Yes! Meals and snacks are provided, and they are at no cost to families.

I have dietary restrictions. Can you accommodate that?

Yes. Please let us know about your restrictions on the application.

I take medication. Can I bring the medication with me to OSD?

Yes. There will be a nurse on-site to manage all student medications.

What other activities are available on the weekend?

We have fun activities prepared for the students to let off some steam between classes on Saturday and a fun outing planned for Saturday evening. All activities are free to the students.

How will students get to campus on Friday, February 17 and get home on Sunday, February 19?

Parents, guardians, or approved adults are responsible for getting students to campus and taking them home.

What do parents, guardians, and/or approved adults do while the students are in class?

We will have some activities prepared for adults on Saturday during the day. If the adults do not stay in Columbus, some of those activities will also be available via zoom. It's hard being the adult of a teenager – we want to make sure we pay attention to you and give you some of the information you have been seeking about your student's life after high school.

How much does this cost?

Tuition, dorm, food, and fun activities are all paid for by a generous grant from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) / National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) and the Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD). STUDENTS AND FAMILIES DO NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR THIS CLASS.