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ACT Focus

Tip of the Week: Using Answer-Choice Patterns

Answer-Choice patterns can be extremely helpful, but it is very important that we understand the proper way to use them. It can be tempting to rely on them too heavily, but doing that is much more likely to hurt your score than it is to help it.

The point of understanding the design of the answer choices is not that they will just tell you the correct answer if you know how to decode them. Instead, understanding how the ACT uses wrong-answer patterns will help you in two main ways:

1. If you look at a question and you are not sure what to do, the answer choices can often point you in the right direction, because they include concepts that the test thinks are relevant to the question.
2. Once you have found an answer choice that you like, the answer-choice patterns help you confirm that you are probably correct - or they help you catch a mistake if you are wrong.

This is a big deal, because it helps to prevent two of the main things that the ACT tries to do: it tries to present concepts in bizarre ways so we are not sure what to do, and it tries to get us to make simple mistakes without noticing them. So appreciating the value of answer choices can be a great weapon against the test.

The answer choices can be useful. They won't always tell you the correct answer outright, but they can often point you in the right direction, and help keep you from making small mistakes that cost you points for no reason.

SCHOLARSHIP Update

Continue to look at the scholarship link each week! The spreadsheet currently has over 40 scholarships for you to apply for.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

- October 30 US Bank Scholarship Sweekstakes
- October 31 Coca Cola Scholars Foundation | Voice of Democracy Essay Contest
- November 1 Progress 64 West
- November 4 Prudential Emerging Visionaries
- November 15 Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship | Azari Law Scholarship
- November 18 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation
- November 30 Soil & Water Show Me Chapter Scholarship | The Andrew Flusche Scholarship

2021-22
Scholarship Information

Report Earned Scholarships [HERE.](#)

THIS WEEKS COLLEGE REPS

College Reps are available at 11:10 during Empower Hour, located in the Learning Commons Classroom.

WEDNESDAY 10/20



University of
Kansas
Lawrence, KS

- Priority App. Deadline: November 1
- Freshman Scholarship Deadline: December 1
- Scholarship Information:
www.drury.edu/financial-aid/scholarship-information



Drury
University
Springfield, MO

- Application Deadline: Rolling
- Priority for scholarships based on Application date
- Scholarship Information:
www.drury.edu/financial-aid/scholarship-information

THURSDAY 10/21



Millikin
University
Decatur, IL

- Priority App. & Scholarship Deadline: January 15
- Scholarship Information:
www.milliken.edu/scholarships



LOOKING Ahead

Fall 2021

October 23

ACT Test Date

November 1

Priority Application

Deadline (Most Universities)

November 5

Dec. 11 ACT Registration

November 6

SAT Test Date

November 19

Dec. 11 ACT Late Registration

December 3

Dec. 11 ACT Late Registration

December 4

SAT Test Date

December 11

ACT Test Date

HELPFUL Links

COLLEGE GUIDANCE

www.stdominichs.org/college

SCOIR

www.scoir.com

SCHOLARSHIPS

www.fastweb.com | myscholly.com

FAFSA

www.studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa

COMMON APP

www.commonapp.org

NCAA ELIGIBILITY

web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3

ACT

www.act.org

SAT

www.sat.org

Weekly Wellness

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Re-Establishing Balance with Technology

Our relationship with technology has been challenging for everyone during the pandemic. For many families this resulted in an increase in the amount of time children were spending in front of screens.

Most age groups had an increase from 10 to 30 percent of screen time during the pandemic, compared to their previous habits. Some of this time was necessary and even healthy as we learned, worked, engaged with friends and family, and celebrated holidays. The end result for most families has been an overdependence on that technology.

For those of us that see this in our own families, it's important to take a moment to allow for some self-compassion. We never experienced anything close to what we went through the past year and a half. Most of us were simply trying to survive the day, and the fact that we relied on technology to entertain our kids and cope with our anxiety was understandable.

As we consider attempting to adjust to pre-pandemic rules around screen time, it may be more beneficial to move slowly. If we attempt to go "cold turkey" we will likely have a mass rebellion on our hands. Try to implement just one, for example: no screen time during meals. Once the limit is established add another, progressing back to normal. Talk about the need to put these rules back into effect. Allow teenagers to have a say in what they think is appropriate.

As we all attempt to move back to normal, it is essential to do so with patience and empathy. Our teens devices are more than just tablets and phones, they are lifelines to their friends, foundations for their social world and their source of entertainment and connectedness. We must have regular and ongoing conversations about technology within our families, we must be intentional and consistent with our rules, and model appropriate behavior with our own devices.

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Alumni Spotlight

Lindsey Peters '17

Missouri Baptist University - St. Louis, MO

BA in Theatre | Minor in Dance



During her time at St. Dominic, Lindsey Peters was involved in Theatre, Dance Team, Ambassadors, Outreach Club and Peer Ministry. As a student, Lindsey also started a charity called "Sharing Smiles," making stuffed bears to brighten the days of children in hospitals. Her charity has grown exponentially over the years in support and volunteers.

In the fall of 2017, Lindsey attended Missouri

Baptist University to pursue a Bachelors in Theatre and a minor in Dance. ***"SDHS has a great Fine Arts program! I was able to test out many different types of art and find where I thought was God's call for my life with the confidence that I could make a living out of it. In the classroom, I was taught responsibility, problem solving, and how to grow my faith. My extra curricular activities allowed me to grow as a person, explore my creativity, and learn how to work as a team with a common goal."***

Lindsey always had a passion for Theatre, but through her devotion to service and her charity, always looked at that career choice as also another way to serve others and use God's gifts. ***"I felt as if I could use the talents that God has given me to give back to the world and further the Gospel message to many audiences and fellow cast and crew members. I know that the theatre world is a mission field worth pursuing."***

Upon graduating from MBU last May, Lindsey received her first big opportunity in the field as she currently works for Disney. She is a cast member for the Disney College Program and Seasonal Actress for Disney World at the Paul Bunyan Playhouse. Lindsey's advice for our SDHS students is: ***"do the things you are passionate about. God has the power to place passions in your heart and provide the means to glorify Himself through those passions. Every field is a mission field and can be used for good."***