

## **Test Prep Programs and Resources - ACT and SAT**

*The following programs are being endorsed by Mother McAuley and Brother Rice for the 2023-2024 school year.*

- **Academic Approach** (offered in the winter/spring to prepare for the ACT)

The **Academic Approach** program is designed for college-bound juniors who will take the ACT for college/university admission. This course is fully funded by the Title 1 Program in collaboration with Chicago Public Schools for the Mother McAuley and Brother Rice students who reside in a Chicago zip code. For students that do not reside in a Chicago zip code, the cost of the course is \$350 for the virtual course and \$450 for the in-person course. Again, this is offered at no cost for Chicago residents. While we would like to provide this opportunity for all of our students, this initiative is funded by Chicago Public School, not Mother McAuley. Visit [Academic Approach](#) for more information and to register.

- **Breakthrough ACT Prep** (offered in the winter/spring to prep for the ACT)

Planning to take the ACT this April? To help you reach your optimal score, our comprehensive 8-week course will meet once per week to help you develop all the skills you need to score higher on the ACT! The cost of the program is offered at a discounted rate of \$345 to Mother McAuley students only. For details, and to enroll, simply click on the link below. Check out the website, and register. [www.breakthroughactprep.weebly.com](http://www.breakthroughactprep.weebly.com)

- **ExcelEdge**

The **ExcelEdge** will offer ACT 36 to Mother McAuley and Br. Rice students. Give yourself the Edge - A leader in Midwest test preparation, ExcelEdge has meticulously analyzed the ACT to ensure students receive a highly specialized program tailored to the test. You can count on experienced instructors who are certified content specialists to teach you point-producing offensive and defensive strategies to navigate difficult items. Our teaching team will show you exactly what to expect on this test. We will teach you how to eliminate choices, how to answer items quickly, and how to maximize your score. To see what our schools, our parents, and the graduates of our program have said, please visit our website: [www.exceledgeinc.com](http://www.exceledgeinc.com).

- **Jeanius Prep**

Offers innovative ACT & SAT preparation courses throughout the year. New courses are offered every 8 weeks on a variety of different days and times. Students receive academic attention from Jeanne and Jeanine via emails, texts, phone calls, and post-class conversations. All direct instruction will be administered via zoom meetings. Visit [www.jeaniusprep.com](http://www.jeaniusprep.com) or call with questions, Jeanne Bern, (708) 828-3110 or Jeanine Pawelczyk (815) 474-4090.

- **Princeton Review**

The Princeton Review ACT Fundamentals virtual course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive learning experience that includes up to 24 hours of live instruction. The program offers a range of resources to help students prepare for the ACT exam, including an ACT Course Manual, full-length practice exams, and access to the Online Student Portal for 365 days. This is offered at no cost for Chicago residents. While we would like to provide this opportunity for all of our students, this initiative is funded by Chicago Public Schools, not Mother McAuley. For non-Chicago residents, the cost of the class is contingent upon the number of students enrolled in the course.

- **Test Stronger**

Individual and small group tutoring for ACT, SAT, and Subject Tests. Also provides academic tutoring. Cost: approximately \$75/hour. **Small Group Sessions start mid-October through the beginning of December for the December ACT.** Sign up through email or [TestStronger.com](http://TestStronger.com). Located in Evergreen Park, but is flexible with location, if needed; Contact Mary Sue at [msnovosel23@gmail.com](mailto:msnovosel23@gmail.com) or (708) 297-1415.

*The following programs and tutors have been used by former and current McAuley students, many of which are happy with their results. These programs may not be offered at McAuley and are each priced differently.*

## Individualized Tutoring

- **Mary McCormick**  
Mother McAuley AP Literature and English Teacher  
Mary has been privately tutoring both the English and Reading portions of the ACT for over 10 years and worked for Excel Edge for three years. Contact Mary at [mmccormick@mothermcauley.org](mailto:mmccormick@mothermcauley.org) or (630) 709-8312
- **Colleen O'Hara**  
Mother McAuley Mathematics Teacher, Masters in Mathematics  
Colleen has been preparing students for the ACT for the past 10 years. She administers individual direct instruction for success on the ACT, \$50/hr. Contact Colleen at [cohara@mothermcauley.org](mailto:cohara@mothermcauley.org) or (708) 710-5438.
- **Maura Slattery**  
Individual tutoring located typically at the Tinley Park Library. Maura graduated from St. Xavier University in 2016 with a degree in Biochemistry, currently pursuing a master's degree in secondary education. Cost is approximately \$25-\$30/hour depending on level and location. Experience in tutoring high level Math and Science. Contact Maura at [maura.slaty@gmail.com](mailto:maura.slaty@gmail.com) or (331) 575-2396.
- **Fitzgerald Prep**  
Individual and small group ACT tutoring in Evergreen Park. Contact Amy Fitzgerald: (773) 807-3253 or [afitzg3@alumni.nd.edu](mailto:afitzg3@alumni.nd.edu)
- **Stemly Tutoring**  
One-on-one Virtual Math & Science Tutoring: Customized tutoring to help students raise grades, build confidence, and reduce stress. Stemly's math and science tutoring goes beyond tackling homework. Our tutors strengthen student's fundamental skills to help them in future learning. We create a customized tutoring plan to fill any learning gaps and empower students through a learning process that builds confidence. Book a free consultation at <https://www.stemlytutoring.com/home>

## ACT Prep Programs

- **C2 Education**  
Prep programs are fully customized to meet each student's individual needs. Strengthening core skills in reading, writing, and math, teaching lifelong learning strategies, guiding students through high school and the college admissions process, and helping students balance ACT prep and school work. <https://www.c2educate.com/>
- **Kaplan Test Prep**  
Classroom and online options available. <http://kaptest.com/college>
- **Method Test Prep**  
Teacher-led online classes help students develop the confidence and knowledge they need to improve scores. Online program offers recorded and live classes. <http://methodtestprep.com/>
- **Nurturing Wisdom**  
Customizable tutoring program for the ACT, SAT, and other tests. Tutors come to students' homes on their schedule. <http://nurturingwisdom.com/act-tutoring/>

Please contact your college counselor for more information on these programs.

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