

ACT Important Information.

Since there seems to be some confusion regarding registering for the ACT at Collegedale Academy (CA) here is additional information that hopefully is helpful.

With ACT, CA is considered a non-Saturday (alternate) National Test Center. We are one of the few non-Saturday test centers in SE TN and North GA. Other non-Saturday test centers that we know about are Georgia Cumberland Academy and Greeneville Adventist Academy. SAU offers the ACT; they are considered a residual ACT test meaning scores stay in-house. However, since CA is their lab school Southern will release CA student scores to us if the student requests so. SAU updated their ACT policy a few years ago to offer ACT testing to those high school students who will be attending Southern. For more information about Southern's ACT offerings, contact the Student Support Services at Southern.

Prior to the pandemic, only those who had religious issues testing on Saturdays were allowed to test at CA. For those students, who were not Collegedale Academy students, they had to submit a clergy letter to ACT requesting the non-Saturday accommodation due to their religious convictions. However, during the pandemic and now post pandemic, ACT changed this policy. They have opened CA's testing site to anyone whether they have religious convictions or not. Because of this policy change, CA really has no control over who registers to test at CA. We cannot see who is registered at CA until ACT creates a tentative roster. This happens about two weeks prior to testing with the official roster being created on Wednesday, the week of the testing.

Registering for an ACT test can only be done through ACT's online webpage at www.act.org. Also note, registering for an ACT seat is on a first-come-first-served basis now that CA is open to anyone. Because of this, seats are filling up quickly. We are noticing students who get a seat for their desired testing date are registering at least a month before the test date. This is why we have advised students to register well in advance of the test date. Some students register for Standby testing. This is not a guarantee they will get to test on the preferred testing date they are standing by for.

Registering early is especially important for those students who need to take the ACT writing portion for a chance to be admitted into Comp 101/2. In addition, the April test scores are the last scores CA accepts for the possibility of getting into Comp 101/2. Also be aware that Southern does not offer the writing portion of the ACT.

Another issue we see relates to test scores. Many times, CA does not get some student's scores and wonder why. In talking with ACT, they tell us those students have not put Collegedale Academy down as their high school. During the registration process there is a high school information page where the student enters information for Collegedale Academy. If students don't do this during the registration process their score will not be included in CA's batch score report. Due to privacy issues, ACT will not talk with CA about this issue, they will only talk with the student/parent about adding the student's scores to the CA's score report. To make this change after the registration there will be an \$18.00 charge. It is important when registering that CA is selected as the high school where scores can be released to.

If CA has missing student scores they will not be included on the student's official transcript. This may cause issues with admissions to the post-secondary institution the student applied to.

It is also worth noting there is a time frame when the photo needs to be uploaded to the registration page. If the photo does not get uploaded during the time frame allotted the student will be dropped from testing. Students need to print off the admission ticket and bring it with them on the test day. If they do not have the admission ticket they cannot take the test. CA has encouraged students to print off the admission ticket early and tape it inside their locker so they will have it on test day.

If you have any questions concerning the ACT contact Mr. Djernes