The ACT is Coming Up

Each year Upward Bound prepares our students to take the ACT in April. The test is designed to evaluate high school students' readiness for college coursework. It covers a variety of topics from four different subject areas which are English, mathematics, reading, and science. Students who take the ACT are challenged to read and comprehend questions, interpret what is really being asked, and problem solve to find answers quickly.

The ACT is an important factor used by colleges to determine what students may be admitted to an institution or even the classes they must enroll in when beginning college. For example, a student with a high ACT score will avoid taking remedial courses at their college or university. They may also be eligible for scholarships and grants.

As part of Upward Bound’s strategy to give our students the best chance at being competitive in college, we prepare our students in advance of the ACT by having students work on practice ACT questions during weekly meetings and at our March Saturday program, where we will have several ACT test prep classes.

With many students falling behind as a result of the disruptions to their school schedules and classes going online, it is now more important than ever that they begin to take preparations for the ACT seriously. Students should add time to their schedules and spend a few hours a week attempting practice questions in ACT practice tests which can be found online. The official website actstudent.org is an excellent resource to find out more information about the test, and it contains sample questions to study as well. Those who spend their time wisely preparing for the ACT will increase the likelihood of meeting their test goals!
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The mission of Upward Bound at Mineral Area College is to serve eligible high school students by providing academic enrichment, cultural experiences, and a support network to ensure their success in attaining a four year college degree.

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Upward Bound is one of five programs established by Congress to help low-income, first-generation students enter college and graduate. These programs are referred to as the TRIO programs.

For more information on Upward Bound I or II or for information on how to apply, contact the Upward Bound office located at Mineral Area College, (573) 518-2156. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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