



COURSE DESCRIPTION

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ACT* VERBAL PREP - GROUP CLASS

Mercer Education’s **ACT VERBAL PREP** provides a comprehensive, effective learning experience that prepares students for the English, Reading, and Writing tests of the ACT. Our curriculum offers a robust, integrative approach to understanding and applying standard *grammar rules*, *critical reading skills*, and *essay-writing essentials* while also emphasizing *time management* and *test-taking strategies*. Students will complete one test every two weeks, allowing them to systematically identify areas of weakness. They will receive in-depth feedback and score analysis from experienced instructors while following a prescribed timeline of instruction that covers the essentials of ACT preparation in approximately five months (or two months during the summer).

The ACT Verbal group class runs as three separate comprehensive courses: a **fall semester** course from September through January (approximately 19 weeks), a **spring semester** course from February through June (approximately 19 weeks), and a 7-week **summer** course, which addresses the topics at a faster pace. Each course has its own unique content with *no repetition of material* so students can attend for as long as they like to continue honing their skills. While a majority of students enroll for longer periods in order to strengthen and refine their skills beyond familiarity with core content and achieve their target scores on the ACT, Mercer Education’s 2-month enrollment/billing cycle with pro-rated rolling admission provides maximum flexibility so that students can determine when they are ready to take the actual test. Students may enroll at any time (enrolling midway through the course is no problem) and receive a free assessment, after which they are assigned to appropriate groups according to level and availability.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ English, Reading, and Writing Strategies
- ▶ Grammar Fundamentals, focus on sentence improvement
- ▶ Extensive Critical Reading Practice
- ▶ Weekly Reading Comprehension Quizzes
- ▶ Timed Essay Instruction and Practice
- ▶ Time Management Skills
- ▶ “Rolling” admission / start at any time
- ▶ Attend as long as needed to hone skills

Unlike other test prep schools, Mercer Education emphasizes preparation using a variety of customized, engaging materials that develop critical thinking, analysis, and writing skills that extend beyond test-taking and increase students' success in their ongoing academic endeavors. The teaching curriculum and materials are specifically prepared for and reserved for use in ME's ACT Verbal Prep Group Classes.

- Meets *once a week* in person **or via Zoom** (contact school for details) for 1 hour and 50 minutes.
- Class size limited to no more than 8 students per group (12 for online classes).
- Students receive free assessment upon enrollment and then are grouped by level and availability.
- Cost based on 2-month blocks of pre-scheduled classes (7-9 classes per 2-month session, i.e., \$420-540 at \$60/class) ongoing throughout the year (Jan-Feb, Mar-Apr, etc.). Start any time/mid-session sign-up prorated.
- Parents receive progress reports (December and May) with scores, comments, and recommendations.
- Meets year round; classes generally scheduled weekends 9am–5pm.

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