

COUNSELOR NEWSLETTER

Important Dates to Remember

ACT Prep Class	Jan. 22 -23
Talent Search Meeting	Jan. 26
Career Center Tour	Jan. 29
Parent Night- Social Media Awareness	Feb. 5
ASVAB Test	Feb. 7
ACT Test	Feb. 10
ACT Test for Juniors at	Feb. 27
Time Out for Tech	Feb. 1

COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING

This year we are striving to focus on both college and career planning at Hector High School. Students in grades 8th through 11th have completed the Kuder Career and Interest Assessments and the 9th and 10th grade students have completed the College Options Interest Assessment to help guide their college and career goals and plans.

These assessments will help us greatly in offering electives that interest our students, and will allow students to create a four year plan and course schedules that will help them be successful after high school.

AP and Concurrent classes are not the only way students at Hector can earn college credit. Starting with the 2018 -2019 school year, students in the 10th grade will have the same opportunity that 11th and 12th grade students have had of going to the Arkansas Tech Career Center during the day to take technical courses. These



Talent Search toured the University of Arkansas Fort Smith in the Fall

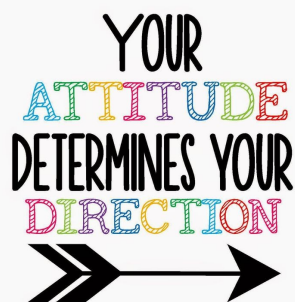
courses allow students to receive both high school credit and college credit. The Arkansas Tech Career Center offers programs such as:

- Automation Systems/ Robotics
- Automotive Service Technology
- Computer Engineering,
- Construction Technology,
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice/Law

Enforcement

- Culinary Arts
- Health Science Technology/Information Technology
- Health Science Technology/ EMT
- Welding

Students at Hector have more options than ever to be successful after they graduate no matter what path they choose to take.



ACT INFORMATION

Test Date	Registration Deadline
February 10	January 12
February 27	**Juniors only—No Registration
April 14	March 9
June 9	May 4
July 14	June 15

Happy January



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ACT Prep - January 22 & 23

Juniors and Talent Search Sophomores will attend a two day ACT Prep event directed by Bryan Hembree who serves as the Director of ACT Outreach at the University of Arkansas. College Access Initiative will focus on motivating strategies and a fresh approach to the ACT and all four subject areas of the ACT will be covered.

The class will begin with a broad conversation about the college planning process and the ACT test. Students will cover strategies including (1) conquering the balance between speed and accuracy, (2) removing mental roadblocks that inhibit performance, (3) gaining familiarity and confidence with the test format, understanding the role the test plays in the college planning process, and moving toward their true potential on the test.

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To the Parent/Guardian of

SENIOR TO-DO LIST— JANUARY

- If you have not already, complete the FAFSA as soon as possible! www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Continue completing scholarship applications including the Arkansas Challenge & local scholarships that should be available this month!
- If you have made your decision on the college you will be attending, make sure and notify any other colleges to withdraw your application. A polite email to the Admissions Office should suffice.
- Meet with Mrs. Emerson or email her to let her know of your official decision on the college you will attend to make sure all of your documents have been submitted. She will also need to know where to send your official FINAL transcript!
- Keep a close eye on your email for scholarship and financial aid notifications. Many times the colleges will send you information on forms and paperwork that needs submitted to finalize your Pell Grant. Some scholarships require you to actually accept the offer! Do not miss these opportunities for FREE money!
- Register for Time-Out for Tech at <https://www.atu.edu/admissions/timeout.php>
- If you have not scored high enough on the ACT, consider taking the ACCUPLACER test. See Mrs. Emerson for more information.