

# Actions Changing Tomorrow

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## What is ACT?

ACT is an on-line course that promotes service-learning as a valued component of a student's educational process. ACT creates a deeper academic understanding by connecting civics, career, and life skill lessons with service to the community. The primary philosophy of ACT is that all students should feel empowered and given a voice in addressing and solving real community problems.

## What are the benefits of Service Learning?

- Extends learning beyond the classroom and into the community.
- Promotes lifelong civic engagement and citizenship.
- Helps foster personal and social responsibility.
- Promotes learning through active participation in service experiences.
- Students gain valuable experience that is recognized by colleges, scholarship organizations, and employers.
- Has real world value and significance.

## What are the course requirements for ACT students?

Each participating student is required to do at least 25 hours of service with non-profit organizations. Once students are engaged in their service projects, they continue to learn by discussing, sharing and reflecting on their service activities through the on-line curriculum and student forum.

ACT is a graduation requirement and should be completed by high school juniors (11<sup>th</sup> graders). Students need ONE credit of this course to be in good academic standing. Students will receive a grade of Pass or No Pass based on their participation.

## Additional Details

ACT is worth 1.0 total credit. Once you have completed ACT 1 and 12.5 hours of service, you will have earned 0.5 credits. Once you have completed ACT 2 and 12.5 hours of service, you will earn the remaining 0.5 credits.

The online coursework is broken into 3 parts: Assignments, Forums, and Resources. Please note that resources do not require a response. They are readings, which will assist you in completing assignments.

**How do I get started?**

Please contact the ACT Coordinator, Kimberly Linn.

An individual ACT account will be created for you on the ACT website [www.edchoices.us/ACT](http://www.edchoices.us/ACT).

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We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give.

*Winston Churchill*