



July 10, 2018

Dear South-Western City School District Families:

South-Western City School District with new district partner, I Know I Can, is excited to offer a free ACT Prep Week to rising 12th graders in preparation for the September 8, 2018 ACT. By participating in this opportunity, students will receive 10 hours of direct instruction about content and strategies for taking the ACT as well as materials to aid their own study prior to the test. This ACT prep will be led by the CollegeSmiths.*

Four sessions of ACT Prep will be offered for 50 students each session as a part of this opportunity. The ACT Prep Weeks will take place August 6th-9th at Westland HS or August 13th-16th at South-Western Career Academy from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants will be selected on a first come, first served basis through the registration system and students must agree to the following criteria to participate:

- Take the September 8th ACT and register by the August 10th, 2018 deadline
- Attend each day of the prep week and be an active participant
- Complete assignments and practice problems daily
- Provide I Know I Can and South-Western City Schools with test results from the September 8th test

I Know I Can will assist with registration and cover the cost of taking the ACT for prep week participants who qualify for financial assistance through ACT. Students can register for this program at <https://ikic.formstack.com/forms/southwesternactprep>. The last day to register will be Friday, August 3rd. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Marion Meadows, Associate Director of Programs and Training for I Know I Can at 614-233-9510 ext. 142 or mmeadows@iknowican.org. We look forward to our students benefitting from this great opportunity.

Sincerely,

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*The "CollegeSmiths" are really Rich and Kristy Smith who have 60+ years as college counselors and 30+ as test prep professionals, working VERY successfully with thousands of students in each capacity. Before that Rich was a science teacher with a strong math background who teaches those sections of ACT, and Kristy was an English teacher and reading specialist and teaches those sections. Both have received the top award of their state professional organization given annually to just one person. After retiring, they started CollegeSmiths 9 years ago and have since worked with over 7,500 students from nearly 80 high schools on one or more of their 3 services (test prep, college counseling and application help - including essays, resumes, and the Common App). CollegeSmiths' workshops are thorough, fast-paced and teach students precisely what they need to know to be successful on the test. Students who practice what they have learned tend to improve their scores!