

Interest Announcement for Phases I & II of the SAFE / ACT Prep Programs

Central High School is pleased to expand the opportunity for rising students to receive workforce skills and preparation for the ACT through the continued partnership with The Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement (SAFE) Workforce Ready! (WFR!) Program. This opportunity is available to upcoming sophomores, juniors, and seniors. CHS will utilize the “Pay to Learn” model, which means that SAFE will pay students to participate in the program at a rate of \$10 per hour. During the SAFE programs, the working hours will be from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. There are three phases (each six-weeks in duration) of the SAFE program that will be conducted throughout the four school terms. For the second term, starting October 24th through November 4th, the first and second phases (SAFE WFR I & II), will be offered Monday – Friday of each week. Then, the third term continues on November 28th and culminates on December 9th.

With a desire to include as many students as possible in the SAFE program, we will provide each participant with some scheduling flexibility. In other words, they are not required to attend all five days of each 6-week session; however, all requirements of the program must be completed by each phase's end date. Students must maintain sufficient progress each week in order to remain in the SAFE program.

The scheduled dates for the **ACT PREP BOOT CAMP & SAFE WFR I & II Phases** of the program are listed below. Dates and information regarding the final phase will be provided in the second semester.

- SAFE (WFR I & II) October 24 – November 4
- ACT Prep* November 7 – November 18 * **The actual ACT exam is on December 10**
- SAFE (WFR I & II) November 28 – December 9

During the SAFE WFR I program, students will be able to create and refine their cover letter and resume. SAFE WFR I ends with a mock interview, structured with the goal of obtaining a career in their desired profession.

In the second phase, SAFE WFR II, participants will acquire Alabama Career Essentials (ACE) skills while exploring Mobilizing Alabama Pathways (MAPS). According to the accs.edu website, MAPS provides the following:

“MAPS (Mobilizing Alabama Pathways) are short courses to prepare individuals for industry-specific information. The curriculum is designed to be self-paced and virtually delivered integrating industry-specific skills students will gain foundational and sector-specific competencies culminating with a credential of value for entry-level work on the “first-rung” of a career pathway. At the completion of the course, a student will earn a MAP Certification of the industry signifying to a company the attainment of the competencies received.”

In the final stage, SAFE WFR III, participants will tour their desired career path through one of the following programs: internship, co-op, apprenticeship, or shadowing.

Moreover, instructors have designed the SAFE Program to prepare participants educationally for transition into the workforce. The program provides a variety of learning situations to help students achieve self-assurance, self-motivation, decision-making, stress relief techniques, priority setting, and movement toward personal goals. The instructors will focus intensely on self-concept, self-esteem, employment skills, and behaviors. Open communication is encouraged; however, negative comments & distractions will not be tolerated.

Incidentally, these programs will foster future millionaires, equipped with essential knowledge pertaining to their desired career pathways. Students will be enlightened each day by engaging presenters from the Coosa County Community currently working in professional careers that are similar to the career paths of the participants. Participants will reach the completion of this empowering program with the presentation of their mock interviews, ACT Prep Boot Camp Post-Assessment, or MAP certification.

Regarding ACT Prep, these sessions help students prepare for the ACT exam and can improve test scores with focus and determination. ACT Prep covers all subjects of the exam: Math, Science, Language, and Reading. In addition, participation will help students with test anxiety, timing, and performance. As a result, this can help make a difference in the choice of college students attend, and the cost of education.

The ACT Prep instruction will be provided by Dr. Michelle Hayes, Director of Programs with College Admissions Made Possible (CAMP), with over 20 years of experience as an educator and administrator. This enrichment is available to our upcoming sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Central High School will utilize the "Pay to Learn" model, which means that we will pay all participants in the program with 100% attendance at a rate of \$10 per hour. Participants will receive payment following completion of the program and receipt of the time sheets by SAFE. This program will begin on Monday, November 7, and end on Friday, November 18. The working hours are from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and will continue throughout the third and fourth 9 weeks of the school year.

Finally, this announcement is to ascertain how many young adults are interested in participating in these programs. Desired participants, who did not participate in this summer's SAFE or ACT Prep programs, will need to complete an onboarding packet. Summer participants that would like to continue in the program in the coming school year need to complete a data verification form. In order to continue to receive SAFE grant funding, **all participants must complete the A World of Possibilities interest packet.** If you would like your young adult to participate, please contact Central High School at 256-377-4384 or e-mail Jacques Mitchell at jmitchell@coosaschools.org.