

PACC at AHA

The Program for Advanced College Credit [PACC] is a program offered by St. Mary's University in Winona that awards college credit to several advanced and Advanced Placement courses at Holy Angels.

Students who are taking the approved courses may register as a PACC student and gain either 3 or 4 credits for the year –long classes. They must maintain a C average in the class in order to receive the credits at the end of Trimester III. After grades are finalized in June, you may obtain a transcript from St. Mary's.

PACC credit does not take the place of the AP exams taken in May, and some schools accept both PACC credits and AP scores. The College and Career Center has prepared a detailed explanation of the choices your student has before him or her. Please look at this document as you make your decision.

PACC courses for 2018-19 include: AP Calculus, AP Statistics, AP U. S. History, AP Government, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Spanish, AP English Language and Composition, AP Literature and Composition. The cost in the recent past has been \$75 per credit. AP Calculus, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Spanish are 4 credit classes. The others are 3 credit classes. The exception is AP US History. That class is now worth 6 credits and sends grades in January and in June.

Registration will take place in September. Students will receive information from their PACC course teachers on how to register when their classes begin in the fall. Mr. O'Leary also is in the commons during lunches in the fall to answer questions and to take registration information. The registration forms must have a parent/guardian signature and the student's Social Security number. On the day they register, students will need to have a check for the full amount payable to St. Mary's. One check is all that is needed.

For further information, visit the St. Mary's website at: <http://www.smumn.edu/pacc> .
AHA PACC coordinator: Mr. Matt O'Leary moleary@ahastars.org or 612-798-2638

Test Information Release service available from ACT

If your student is taking the ACT in April, June or December, you can order and pay for **Test Information Release (TIR)** when registering for the test or up to three months after the test. For a \$20 fee, students will receive a list of their answers, a copy of the multiple-choice test questions used to determine their score, the answer key and scoring instructions. If they take the writing test, they will also receive a copy of the writing prompt, the scoring rubric, and the scores assigned to their essays by two readers. If they have already registered for the ACT test for April, they can still go in and pay for the TIR. This is a helpful way to review test scores from the spring in order to improve performance if they take the ACT again in the fall. ***Materials are usually mailed about four weeks after students receive their score report. Thus, the information will be very helpful for students planning to take the test again next year; however, for students who take the test in April, the information may not arrive in time for them to use it before the June test.***