

2008-2009 COURSE INFORMATION

SAT COURSES

The College Edge SAT course during the school year is six weeks long and consists of eleven classes and four diagnostic tests. Summer courses meet for five weeks, followed by a two-week refresher in the fall. Fall and spring courses meet twice a week for three hours per session, with practice tests administered on Saturday mornings. Course time is equally divided among the Math, Writing and Critical Reading sections of the SAT. There is a 15-minute break midway for pizza. Each section is limited to 12-15 students in order to facilitate interaction between students and teachers. Our SAT course fee is \$895.00. This fee includes all materials, testing, and make-up sessions.

COURSE CONTENT

- Math

The SAT tests a limited range of mathematical skills in Arithmetic, Algebra I and II, and Geometry. We provide a thorough review in each of these areas as they are tested on the SAT, and teach extensive strategies and techniques for answering the most common question types.

- Critical Reading

The SAT Critical Reading section includes two different question types: sentence completion and reading comprehension. We teach students how to answer sentence completion questions quickly and correctly when the vocabulary is familiar, and how to guess effectively when much of the vocabulary is unknown. We teach methods for improving reading speed and techniques for locating pertinent information in reading passages. We provide vocabulary enhancement with words which have the highest tendency to show up on the SAT.

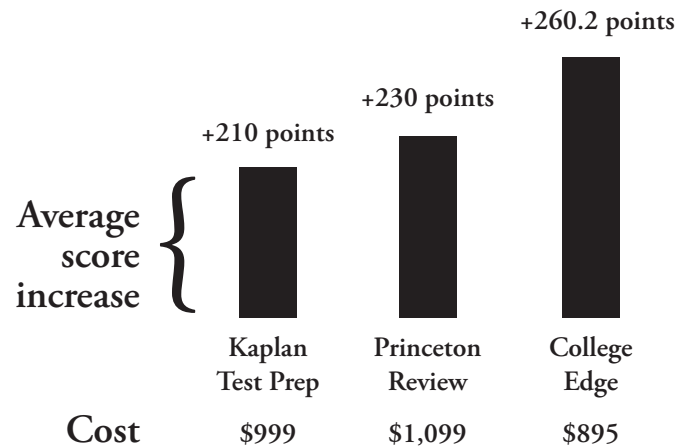
- Writing

The Writing section includes 35 minutes of multiple choice questions testing grammar skills and a 25-minute essay. Our grammar review focuses on about a dozen commonly made and easily recognizable mistakes which are most likely to appear on the test. The essay portion of the class addresses the idiosyncrasies of writing a time-restricted essay.

PRIVATE TUTORING

College Edge private tutorials are taught by the same dynamic instructors who teach our courses. Your tutor will tailor the coursework to your individual needs. Private tutorials consist of either 15 or 20 hours of preparation and a full complement of practice tests. Our teachers will come to your home or meet with you at one of our course locations. The fee for a 15-hour private tutorial is \$1,295.00. The fee for a 20-hour tutorial is \$1,695.00. We can also design programs for two or more students that would like to prepare together.

Cost vs. Results



OUR GUARANTEE

We are proud to have the best guarantee in the test preparation business. Others claim to guarantee score improvement. In reality, they do not. If students taking other courses are disappointed with their scores, the best they can hope for is to do additional work for free. We don't consider that to be a guarantee. We will work again at no additional cost with any student who attends all course scheduled classes and practice tests, completes all homework assignments and fails to raise his or her SAT scores by 200 or more points, or ACT scores by at least 3 points. We will refund the entire course fee to any student who still fails to raise scores by at least these amounts after completing additional work as specified in our contract. That is what we consider a guarantee. No other test prep company makes this guarantee. Not Princeton Review. Not Kaplan Test Prep. College Edge does because our program works.

PSAT • SAT COMBINATION

Our PSAT • SAT courses prepare students for both the PSAT and the SAT. The first course consists of one of our summer SAT courses followed by our two-week PSAT course prior to both the October administration of the PSAT and a future SAT. The other features our two-week PSAT course prior to the PSAT followed by any of our six-week courses prior to a future administration of the SAT. The cost for the two-week PSAT review alone is \$395.00. Our six-week SAT course is \$895.00. The PSAT • SAT course fee is \$1,045.00.

ACT ADDENDUM

The ACT addendum couples our standard SAT course with four additional classes for the ACT. Much of what is taught during the SAT course has a counterpart on the ACT. The Math, Reading, and Grammar sections of the ACT are very similar to those on the SAT. The additional ACT classes focus on the differences between the two tests, strategies for the ACT, and the Science Reasoning section of the ACT. Since most colleges and universities accept either the SAT or ACT for admissions purposes, many students take both tests and submit the scores which cast their applications in the best light.

HYBRID COURSES

College Edge now offers our SAT course and ACT addendum coupled with four hours of individualized instruction in a private tutorial format. This hybrid offering maximizes the practice component of our course with special attention directed at those areas in need of focus. For students looking for the best of both worlds, this is it!

MAKE-UP CLASSES

Many of the students enrolled in our courses are also heavily involved with schoolwork and extracurricular activities. To accommodate busy schedules, College Edge provides make-up classes and tests to students unable to attend any of the regularly scheduled sessions, and extra help for students that would like a better understanding of any of the strategies or techniques, free of charge, based on availability.

REFRESHER CLASSES

Even if our students raise their test scores significantly the first time with our program, they are invited back to a two-week refresher course prior to the October administration of the SAT, free of charge. The refresher course focuses on the most important areas of test preparation and includes two additional practice tests.

UPCOMING CLASSES

We have classes beginning August 23, August 24, September 20, October 4, October 12, October 18, November 29, 2008, and January 31, 2009

Please see schedule.

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INSTRUCTORS

We realize that there is more to being an effective SAT or ACT coach than having high test scores. All College Edge instructors are thoroughly trained in our methods and techniques and have experience teaching students at all scoring levels. They are recent graduates of top colleges and universities who scored in the top percentile on the SAT and/or ACT and have the ability to make the course fun and interesting. Our students consistently rate their teachers as the best part of the class. The bottom line in test preparation is the quality of the teachers, and College Edge has the best.

MATERIALS

College Edge students prepare for the SAT and ACT using the most recently released tests and practice questions. Other companies use questions which they have written themselves to “simulate” the SAT/ACT experience. That just doesn’t work, and may build false confidence. Our adherence to using actual SATs and ACTs for our practice tests is one reason why our average score improvements are the best in the business.

RAISING SCORES

Because the PSAT and SAT test such a limited range of subject matter, guided preparation can help raise scores significantly in a relatively short period of time. College Edge teaches students how to answer sentence completion questions quickly and efficiently when much of the vocabulary is unknown. We teach techniques for improving reading speed and methods for locating the pertinent information in critical reading passages. We also provide students with the best vocabulary enhancement possible. The math portion begins with a complete review of all of the subject areas tested, followed by extensive strategies and techniques for answering the types of questions most common to the tests. Our grammar review focuses on about a dozen commonly made and easily recognizable mistakes which are most likely to appear on the test. The essay portion of the course addresses the idiosyncrasies of writing a time-restricted essay. The ACT addendum focuses on the differences between the two tests, ACT specific strategies, and preparation for the additional Science Reasoning section.

HOW TO ENROLL

College Edge has courses that begin six to seven weeks prior to each administration of the SAT, two summer programs for students who would like to do the majority of their preparation when they have the most free time, and additional ACT courses in the fall and spring. Schedules for upcoming courses and an enrollment contract are included. Returning the enrollment contract with a \$395.00 deposit will reserve a place in any of our future SAT or ACT classes. We accept MasterCard, VISA, and American Express for full payment of the course fee. Course size is limited, so we encourage early enrollment.

INTRODUCTION

Junior year is when most students are first exposed to standardized college admissions testing. This packet contains information about the PSAT and SAT, and answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about how the test scores affect college admissions.

QA What is the SAT?

The SAT measures selected critical reading, math and writing skills. While it is not an I.Q. test, its authors claim it predicts potential for college success. About two million students take the SAT each year, making it the most widely administered standardized test in the United States. Nearly all colleges require or accept SAT scores for admissions purposes. The SAT was revamped to include the Writing section which tests grammar skills and the ability to write a time-restricted essay.

QA How important is the SAT?

Most colleges and universities consider the SAT to be a major factor in the admissions process. As a rule of thumb, SAT scores account for about one-third to one-half of the admissions decision, with the remaining weight of the decision based on the high school record. Low scores on the SAT may eliminate an otherwise qualified student from further consideration. High scores on the SAT can make up for shortcomings in other areas.

QA What do the PSAT and SAT test?

The Critical Reading sections of the SAT primarily test reading and vocabulary skills through reading comprehension and sentence completion questions. The Writing section of the PSAT measures basic grammar skills in a multiple choice format. In addition to testing grammar, the SAT also tests writing skills with a 25-minute essay. The math portions of the PSAT contain questions which test skills in Arithmetic, Algebra I, and Geometry. The SAT also contains some topics covered in Algebra II.

QUESTIONS?

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Why College Edge?

Small Classes

Our courses consist of 12-15 students. This facilitates the interaction necessary to maximize PSAT, SAT and ACT scores.

Make-Up Classes

College Edge offers unlimited make-up sessions for all classes, based on availability.

Free Extra Help

College Edge will work privately with any student seeking a more complete understanding of any of our strategies or techniques, free of charge, based on availability.

Real Tests

Unlike other programs which write many or all of the questions in their practice tests, we only use recently released editions of the SAT and ACT for diagnostic testing. Our students have no surprises when they take the test that counts.

Great Teachers

The bottom line in test prep is the quality of the teaching staff. College Edge has the best. Our instructors are recent graduates of top colleges and universities who not only know the SAT and ACT inside and out, but have the ability to make the course fun and interesting.

Guaranteed Results

College Edge is the only test prep company which offers a money-back guarantee to students who fail to raise their SAT scores by at least 200 points or their ACT scores by 3 points, after completing additional work as specified in our contract.