

Test Prep Client Experience



LEARNING PHASE (1-4 Sessions)

The student and tutor learn from each other: the tutor observes the student's academic skills and strengths as the student learns the essential test-taking strategies required by the SAT or ACT.

- Our proprietary workbooks teach students to break down the test, section by section and question-type by question-type, so that the student knows exactly what's being tested at all times.
- Diagnostic testing, either whole or partial tests, will often be used to help students make the final SAT vs. ACT decision.

FINALIZE ACT or SAT CHOICE

PRACTICE PHASE (4-7 Sessions)

Tutors lead their students through focused practice not only to bolster the academic skills required to handle exam content but also to master the pacing and decision-making skills they'll need to negotiate real test sections.

- Weekly homework will shift from our workbook to timed sections from official SAT or ACT test forms, so that students can internalize both the content and the format of the exam.
- Students will begin to sit for full-length practice tests. It gives them valuable experience, and the record of their progress helps them to make good decisions for navigating a three-hour test.

FINALIZE OFFICIAL TEST DATES

TESTING PHASE (2-5 Sessions)

As test day draws near, students practice integrating all the skills they've learned thus far through both weekly practice sections and full-length practice tests.

- Tutors place particular focus on the student's mindset going into the test and on helping students deal with any test anxiety so that they can confidently display their skills and reach their potential.
- The tutor and student craft a plan for the week and day of the test, one that prepares students to be at their best on the morning of the test to give them their best chance to reach their goals.

REFINING & RETESTING

Few students are lucky enough to reach all of their goals on their first attempt, so we advise all students to plan to test at least twice. The tutor will meet with the family to interpret and contextualize the official score report and make a plan for retesting, which might look something like the Practice Phase or the Testing Phase, depending on the results of the most recent exam.

TEST DAY!

Still unsure how best to proceed? Your best bet is always to take a full practice test of each test and analyze both your scores and your overall experiences. We wish you the best of luck, and we're always here to help!