



Department of Teaching & Learning
Parent/Student Course Information

Success with the SAT
(OT2002)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Success with the SAT is a semester long course where students will explore the facets associated with the College Board SAT assessment. The SAT is comprised of two sections: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math. Through writer's workshop practices and close reading strategies, students will enhance their writing practices tailored for the SAT and hone reading skills allowing for students to become more critical and interpretive readers. Through review and practice, students will also explore test-taking strategies to improve outcomes: understanding directions, style of questions and best approaches for finding the answers.

PREREQUISITE

English 8, English 9, English 10 or English 11

OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE

Reading for the College Bound

REQUIRED STUDENT TEXTBOOK

Online resources provided: SAT Prep course in Khan Academy

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Students will come out of the class knowing general strategies for taking the SAT, such as how to eliminate wrong answers, how to spot and handle difficult or tricky questions, how to skim reading passages for relevant information, when and how to guess at answers, and how to gauge their progress and pace themselves on the test.
- Students will also be able to identify key words of a question, answer set, and/or reading passage, how to interpret the several kinds of reading comprehension questions and how to locate material sought by reading comprehension questions.
- Students will be able to identify the common kinds of mistakes in grammar, punctuation and usage tested.
- Students will be able to utilize strategies for brainstorming and drafting essays for the SAT Writing sections.

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