

SAT Prep - Syllabus

Course Description:

The SAT Prep course concentrates on SAT reading, vocabulary and writing skills along with math practice. The course includes practice in taking the SAT test, as well as strategies for the question types (sentence completion, vocabulary, critical reading, and writing – finding errors / revision). In the Spring Semester, the course will focus on the new SAT test, using Cambridge textbooks, Khan Academy online, and classroom reading, vocabulary, grammar lessons and practice tests.

Required Material:

1. No. 2 pencils, composition or spiral notebook
2. Cambridge textbooks - order your books by following these directions:
 - Go to www.CambridgeEd.com
 - Click on the Store button on the upper right side of the screen
 - Type “Lake Travis” into the School Code field (under My Cart on right side of screen) and press Go
 - Add the Lake Travis: SAT Classroom Package to the cart and proceed to Check Out
 - Check out as a **Learning Institution** and **NOT** as an **Individual Student**.

Reading

The goal for reading in this class is to read college level material closely and critically in order to answer difficult questions about the text. The Reading Section for the SAT requires students to answer evidence-based questions about a challenging reading selection in a timed setting. The class will prepare and practice for these reading passages and questions.

Writing

The goal for writing in this class is to prepare for the optional essay section on the new SAT which will be required by some colleges. Learning to plan and respond in writing quickly will help students on the SAT Writing test as well as other exams with writing including AP exams, college exams, SAT subject tests, etc. The new essay is an analysis essay based on a piece of text, so we will discuss and practice writing literary and rhetorical analysis.

Math

The goal for math in this class is to practice the types of questions asked on the SAT test and to learn how to avoid the most common mistakes.

Academic Dishonesty:

We will follow the College Board proctoring guidelines and the Honor Code as described in the Student Handbook (Appendix C).

Course Policies:

This class is a course offered for academic credit. As such, students will be held accountable for all class activities and assignments, regardless of any outside factors. I.E. If a student chooses to complete an official SAT before the end of the semester, the student is still responsible for the work and practice tests which compromise the standard course material.