



COURSE DESCRIPTION

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SAT* VERBAL PREP - GROUP CLASS

(High School Students)

This course prepares students for the timed essay, grammar/error identification, and critical reading sections of the SAT. The materials used in this course have been especially developed by *MERCER EDUCATION* and offer each student a comprehensive, effective learning experience. The curriculum provides an integrative approach to understanding and applying standard grammar rules, essay writing essentials, critical reading skills, and various test-taking strategies. Additional emphasis is placed on vocabulary building, oral discussion, research and presentation. Students have the opportunity to develop time-management skills, take multiple tests, identify areas of weaknesses, and receive in-depth feedback and score analysis from experienced instructors.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ **Timed Essay**
(brainstorming, time management, "classic" essay structure)
- ▶ **Critical Reading**
(paraphrasing, interpreting, drawing inferences, attention to details)
- ▶ **Grammar Fundamentals**
- ▶ **Test-Taking Strategies**
- ▶ **SAT Level Vocabulary**
- ▶ **General Writing Ability and Style**
- ▶ **Revision and Self-Editing Skills**
- ▶ **Range of Reading**
(familiarity with readings similar to those found in the test)
- ▶ **Sophistication and Depth of Ideas**
- ▶ **Interest, Attitude, and Organization**

Unlike other test prep schools, Mercer Education emphasizes preparation using a variety of customized, engaging materials that develop critical thinking, analysis, and writing skills that extend beyond test-taking and increase students' success in their ongoing academic endeavors.

- Meets *once a week* for 1 hour and 50 minutes.
- Class size limited to no more than 8 students per group.
- Students receive free assessment upon enrollment and are grouped according to skill level and age.
- Cost of the course is based on 2-month blocks of pre-scheduled classes (7-9 classes each two-month session or \$350-\$450) ongoing throughout the year (Jan-Feb, Mar-Apr, etc.).
- Parents receive a Progress Report with scores, comments and recommendations during the fall, spring and summer sessions.
- Groups meet year round; classes are usually held on weekdays 4–9pm and weekends 9am–5pm.