



## COURSE DESCRIPTION

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# SAT VERBAL PREP - GROUP CLASS

## (High School Students)

This course is designed to prepare 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

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

- Meets *once a week* for 1 hour and 50 minutes.
- Class size limited to no more than 6 students per group.
- Students receive free assessment upon enrollment and are grouped according to skill level and age.
- Parents receive a Progress Report every four months with scores, comments, and recommendations.
- Groups meet year round; classes are usually held on weekdays 4–9pm and weekends 9am–5pm.
- The course is based on 2-month blocks of pre-scheduled classes (8-9 classes each two-month session) ongoing throughout the year. Contact ME for details about rates and policies.