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# PETERS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

## COURSE SYLLABUS: SAT TEST PREPARATION

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### **Course Overview and Essential Skills**

This class is recommended for college-bound juniors and seniors planning to take the SAT. Almost all undergraduate colleges and universities require that prospective students take either the ACT or the SAT; most students take both. Taking this course will prepare students for all the question types found on the SAT. We will analyze each of the test question areas and give special consideration to reading and writing refreshers as well as techniques aimed at relieving test-taking anxiety. Topics include the evidence-based reading test, building your vocabulary, the evidence based writing and language test, and the SAT Essay.

### **Course Textbook and Required Materials**

- Green, Sharon Weiner, et al. *Barron's New SAT*. 28<sup>th</sup> ed. , Barron's Educational Series, 2016.
- KHANACADEMY <https://www.khanacademy.org/>; OWL Purdue Online Writing Lab <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/1/>
- Notebook, Writing Utensil

### **Course Outline of Material Covered:**

Unit or Topic	Concepts/Skills/Resources	Timeframe
SAT Prep Critical Reading Introduction	Introduce students to the format and structure of the SAT Critical Reading test	Three Days
Winning Tactics for the SAT	Students will establish their goals for improvement and pinpoint their trouble spots on the SAT Critical Reading test	One Week
The Evidence Based Reading Test	In this unit students will become familiar with the format of the evidence based reading test. Students will get a quick overview of the test, explore test taking tactics, and complete practice exercises.	Three Weeks
The SAT Writing and Language Test	In this unit students will become familiar with the format and question types on the evidence-based writing and language test.	Nine Weeks
The SAT Essay	This unit will prepare students to write an effective essay in response to the SAT Essay question.	Five Weeks
SAT Vocabulary	Students will use the vocabulary list in the text to build their vocabulary.	Semester Long

*\*Depending on the needs of the class or changes in the school year, the course outline is subject to change.*