

## Tips to improve your Students SAT Scores

1. Purchase an SAT preparation book and deck of SAT vocabulary cards and use them for a ½ credit SAT Preparation elective. The 70 hours spent earning the half credit will pay great dividends on test day. We recommend the College Board "Official SAT Study Guide" because of the free online math help listed below.
2. Reading – Vocabulary is **KEY** to doing well on the reading section. Spend the time to learn the SAT vocabulary and work through the reading test examples and practice tests.
3. Math – The SAT tests a limited set of math concepts and problem types that can be mastered. In addition to working through the examples in the book KHAN Academy has posted free online videos showing how to do every problem in the first edition of the College Board "Official SAT Study Guide" (ISBN Number: 0-87447-718-2 published in 2004). <http://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat-math> You should take the practice tests on your own, grade them and then use these videos to understand the problems you didn't get or to review. If you're using the second edition of the study guide with 10 practice tests, you can still use some of these videos.
4. Writing – In addition to working through the writing section of your book spend extra time reading and diagramming the top rated essay examples in the book. Your student needs to be able to find the thesis statement, the main topic sentence of each paragraph, the supporting sentences, and the concluding statement. The SAT essay has a specific format that the graders are looking for to earn a top score your student must emulate that format.
5. Practice, Practice, Practice – The SAT is a timed test so the practice test must also be. To do well on test day your student needs to be comfortable working with the time constraints of the test. The only way to do this is setting a timer and Practice, Practice, Practice simulated test conditions.