

SAT Prep Course – Spring 2018



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Where: Penn State New Kensington

Dates: Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, Mar. 3 (6 Saturdays)

Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Cost: \$200.00, includes “The Official SAT Study Guide (2018 edition)”; \$175.00, without textbook

SAT Test Date: March 10, 2018

Room: 140 Science

Instructor: Mr. Mark Cooper

Topics covered:

Background and General SAT Test-Taking Strategies

- Test dates, web and print resources, section order, “no-brainer” strategies, guessing and skipping, pacing, dealing with test anxiety, SAT vs. ACT, test scores and other criteria used in admissions.

The Mathematics Sections

- Calculator and non-calculator sections, multiple choice and gridded-response questions; algebra questions; problem-solving and data analysis; advanced math topics and questions; tons of math practice questions; and two timed practice sections.

The Reading Section

- Single passages vs. paired passages, understanding author’s argument and passage theme; determining best evidence; interpreting words and phrases in context; analyzing word choice; interpreting data in informational graphics; analysis in history/social studies and science. Reading practice questions including a timed practice section.

The Writing and Language Section

- Improving a passage’s structure, support, and focus; understanding expression of ideas; using standard English conventions; interpreting data in informational graphics. Writing and language practice questions including a timed practice section.

The Essay

- The optional essay section requires students to analyze a provided text to explain how the author builds a persuasive argument. This includes comprehending the text (theme and details), using evidence and reasoning, and skillfully creating a response. Students will experience a timed section (50 minutes).

SAT Prep Dates: Saturdays, January 27 – March 3, 2018

Registration Deadline: Thursday, January 25, 2018

For more information or to register, please visit our website at:

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