

How to Prepare a Homeschooler for the SAT

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College entrance exams can be very valuable – if the student does well. The right preparation can have a dramatic effect on SAT scores, as some research shows a 100 point difference. Not only can a high SAT score help a student's acceptance rate, but it can significantly contribute to having school scholarships tilt in their favor.

Homeschoolers have an advantage to public school students in studying for the SAT. Homeschool parents can subtly or not so subtly integrate SAT prep into a student's weekly curriculum throughout high school leading up to the exam. On using this method, the material won't come as a shock as a student begins to sit down and more intentionally study for the exam during the three month period leading up to the big day. Weaving the test preparation into the regular school curriculum will reduce anxiety and apprehension in the long run. While public school students generally have little previous review and find it difficult to cram SAT studying into their already tight schedule, homeschoolers can willingly make it a part of their learning environment.

Studying for the SAT does have its advantages. Although all kids at first, whether home schooled or attending public school, initially have a resistance to preparing for standardized exams, the reading, writing, math and overall comprehension benefits can be rewarding for both parents and students alike. Due to the structure of the exam, there are specific rules that all students need to abide by when writing an essay for the SAT. After reviewing and applying such specifications of the formula, post-SAT students tend to have a more concrete understanding of how to generate content for a clear, concise argument, without any extra fluff. An incredibly helpful skill to have for college-bound students.

When it comes to the math section, students tend to struggle more because of certain concepts not being fresh in their memory banks. Therefore, continuing to review and refresh students on the math skills needed for the SAT can be beneficial for student's short-term familiarity with specific skills and long-term logic and problem solving methods, giving them a leg-up come exam time.

Vocabulary is more fun since students can directly apply the rich vocab that is tested on the exam into their everyday conversation. In preparing ahead of time, parents can introduce six new words into the a lesson plan a week, over the course of a year. By the time the exam comes around, the students will become accustomed to the challenging lexicon to the point that they will have no need to study for this section. In addition, you may even hear them engage in more verbose banter, with ease.

Once critical crunch time comes homeschool students, if they had a well rounded education of math, writing, and arithmetic that integrated a healthy serving of SAT prep, generally will not need to purchase an expensive test prep program. However, if one does feel the need, the Princeton Review has been recommended by most parents. It tends to have a more colloquial style that is applicable to high schoolers. What is particularly useful for all students are the practice exams that come with a Princeton Review booklet, which parents can purchase from any local Barnes and Noble.

Use homeschooling to your advantage with you child. Pepper all your lessons with a bit of subtle SAT Prep and come exam time they will feel more than prepared.

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