



Bespoke Education School Programs

Summary of Test Prep Services for School Partners

A. 'Introduction to Standardized Testing' Presentation

Bespoke's Director of School Programs, Peregrine Heard, will speak with parents and students—together or at separate gatherings—to offer an introduction to the test prep process. This orientation session can be scheduled for the spring of sophomore year or fall of junior year, when students are beginning to plan their test schedule. Our presentations aim to arm families with the knowledge they need to make an informed choice between the available exams (ACT and SAT, or ISEE and SSAT), and to prepare them for the standardized testing component of the college application process by demystifying the tests and providing some guidelines for a reasonable prep timeline.

B. Diagnostic Testing

Bespoke will administer a full-length diagnostic exam to students, either on campus, online, or at one of our offices in Manhattan, Brooklyn, or Bronxville. The exam can be scheduled during the school day or on the weekend, and Bespoke will provide proctors and all testing materials. Students will receive detailed score reports analyzing their question-by-question performance, and school administrators will receive a comprehensive spreadsheet presenting students' results, in addition to copies of the individual score reports.

Tests available: Combined ACT/SAT diagnostic exam (2.5 hours in length, suitable for sophomores and juniors), full-length ACTs and SATs.

For our combined ACT/SAT diagnostic exam, Bespoke staff will evaluate each student's results according to the most current concordance tools to produce a personalized recommendation for his/her test choice.

C. Test Prep Classes

Courses available: ACT, SAT, Sophomore Enrichment, College Essay Workshop, Senior Refresher

Our test prep courses improve confidence and test-taking skills by giving students an in-depth knowledge of the exam, so that they can walk in on Test Day knowing exactly what to do. Classes cover the content and strategies for all sections of the exams. Students enrolled in the course will receive Bespoke's proprietary curricular materials, which include explanatory lessons on all relevant mathematical and grammatical topics, as well as ample practice exercises. Class instructors will assign homework to be completed between sessions and will communicate with school faculty to ensure that these assignments fit into students' regular academic workload.





Bespoke's class instructors will teach a twelve- to twenty-four session course (course duration is flexible), one or two days per week after school hours on campus, online, or at a Bespoke office. The curriculum will also include three mock tests administered on the weekend at a Bespoke office. Mock tests are full-length exams proctored in a test-like environment to give students the opportunity to hone their testing mindset. Students who take mock tests will receive detailed score reports analyzing their question-by-question performance.

The instructors will be drawn from Bespoke's highly talented pool of educators, all of whom have extensive previous teaching experience and are deeply familiar with the academic content of the course.

Class size will be capped at 12.

Other course details:

The Sophomore Enrichment course will improve students' fluency in the math and English skills that appear not only on standardized tests but also in their regular academic classes. The course enables students and families to begin their preparation for standardized tests without emphasizing preliminary scores or compromising students' focus on their performance in school. Homework assignments use a free-response format, rather than a multiple-choice format.

The College Essay Workshop course offers students a structured approach to creating the first draft of their personal statement for college applications in the summer between junior and senior year. The course begins with a primer on essay-writing, leads students through a planning process, provides feedback on their outlines and first drafts, and includes a one-on-one editing session with the instructor.

The Senior Refresher courses (ACT and SAT) are additional classes for students who are taking the exams for the second or third time in the fall of their senior year. The courses build on the skills developed in junior year by giving students ample timed practice and by delving further into advanced math topics. The classes are often an opportunity for students to request targeted review of content based on their performance on earlier exams.

D. One-day Test Focus Workshops

Bespoke can also offer a series of "pre-test prep" workshops designed to introduce students to the fundamental skills of standardized test-taking. We offer these as an alternative entry point into the test prep process for spring-semester sophomores or fall-semester juniors. Each workshop concentrates on an element of test prep that will help students translate their academic habits to standardized testing skills.



These are stand-alone workshops, and Bespoke instructors can adapt them or create new ones to suit Whittle's needs. The workshop series can also be tailored for faculty. Workshops include:

- Math Matters* How will the math you've learned in 8th, 9th, and 10th grade appear on the standardized tests? What should you look out for in 11th grade math as you prepare for the tests? This workshop will teach students how to determine the most relevant problem-solving approach for various math problem types and how to use their coursework to support their test prep this year.
- Reading Rules* Standardized tests measure students' ability to work efficiently as much as they measure their mastery of concepts. This workshop will strengthen students' reading comprehension by teaching them which information to prioritize and which to disregard. We will also discuss the ways in which reading for the test differs from reading for English class.
- Calculator Clout* In addition to calculator tips, clues, and ample practice, this workshop will train students to think critically about *when* to use their calculators.
- On the Clock* Standardized testing measures a student's ability to work efficiently as much as it measures her mastery of mathematical concepts. This workshop will offer students guidelines to pacing themselves on the test. Be ready for timed exercises!
- Game Day Mindset* Just like a recital or a tournament, the SAT and ACT require students to bring their A-game. This workshop will guide students through mindfulness exercises to reduce anxiety and optimize performance.

E. Pro Bono Tutoring

We are pleased to offer school partners the opportunity to nominate two students to receive pro bono one-on-one tutoring every year. These tutoring hours can go toward further test prep or curricular support.