



# BESPOKE EDUCATION

Test Prep & Academic Enrichment

*Fall 2021 Course Catalog*

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**Register on our website at [www.bespokeeducation.com/classes](http://www.bespokeeducation.com/classes),**  
or by following the links in the course descriptions on the following pages.

**Note:** Classes must reach a minimum enrollment of 4 to run as planned.

We are happy to arrange a **custom class** to meet your student's needs.  
Please contact Peregrine Heard ([pheard@bespokeeducation.com](mailto:pheard@bespokeeducation.com)) with inquiries.

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**SAT Foundations**

September 18 - November 27

Saturdays, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Online, via Zoom

[Register here](#) by Sept 4

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**ACT Foundations**

September 25 - December 4

Saturdays, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Online, via Zoom

[Register here](#) by Sept 11

Designed to kickstart the test prep process for juniors, the Foundations courses will introduce them to critical test-taking skills and strategies. The courses give students an in-depth knowledge of the SAT or ACT exam so that they can develop a personal test prep plan to carry them all the way to Test Day.

Classes will cover content and strategies for all sections of the exams. Course materials include both Bespoke's proprietary lesson books and real, released test questions. Each course includes two full-length mock tests taken under timed conditions so that students can practice in a test-like, proctored environment and track their progress on all sections of the test.

*No class on October 9 (Columbus Day Weekend).*

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Open to 11th graders

*Instructors: Conrad Schott and Sarah Cuneo*

15 hours of instruction,  
7 hours of mock testing

*Conrad earned his BA in Drama at Vassar College and was awarded the Molly Thacher Kazan Memorial Prize for distinction in the theater arts. He holds an MFA in Classical Acting from The George Washington University and is now an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Drama at Vassar College. Conrad previously taught for Kaplan Test Prep and specializes in the SAT, ACT, ISEE, SSAT, and SHSAT, as well as general homework help, academic habits, and managing test anxiety.*

\$895

*Sarah grew up in New Jersey and attended the Montclair Kimberley Academy, where she was a National Merit Scholar and a National AP Scholar. She holds a B.A. in Psychology and certificates in Neuroscience and Theater from Princeton University. Sarah then went on to receive her M.F.A from the Case Western Reserve University/Cleveland Play House M.F.A. Acting Program, where she served as a Graduate Fellow/Research Assistant and received the Eva L. Pancoast Memorial Fellowship. Sarah tutors all sections of the ISEE, SSAT, SHSAT, ACT, SAT, GMAT and GRE.*

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**ISEE/SSAT Comprehensive**  
September 18 - November 13  
Saturdays, 4:30 - 6:00 PM  
Online, via Zoom  
[Register here](#) by Sept 4

This course will cover content and strategies for the math, reading, and vocabulary content on the SSAT and ISEE. Students will master test strategies that help them move more quickly and with more confidence through each section. The class will discuss question types that are specific to each test, and the instructor will tailor math and language-based content review to student needs.

The curriculum includes Bespoke's proprietary ISEE lesson book, excerpts from our SSAT book, and real, released test questions. The course also includes two mock tests, so that students become accustomed to applying their testing strategies in proctored, timed circumstances.

*No class on October 9 (Columbus Day Weekend).*

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Open to 8th graders

*Instructor: Sylvia Kates*

12 hours of instruction,  
5 hours of mock testing

\$850

*Sylvia grew up in Charlottesville, Virginia and in three years graduated with a BA in English from the University of Virginia. Sylvia earned her MFA in Acting from Brown University before founding The Light Fantastic Theater, a company dedicated to bringing professional theater directly to communities in correctional facilities, homeless shelters, and low-income senior housing. Sylvia brings her deep understanding of child development and individual learning styles to her tutoring clients. She tutors all sections of the ISEE, SSAT, SHSAT, SAT and ACT.*

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**SHSAT Comprehensive**  
September 19 - October 31  
Sundays, 4:30 - 6:00 PM  
Online, via Zoom  
[Register here](#) by Sept 4

This six-session course will give eighth grade students an in-depth knowledge of the Specialized High School Admission Test. Classes will cover the math, reading, and vocabulary content on the SHSAT, as well as the test strategies that help students move more quickly and with more confidence through each section. The class will discuss question types that are specific to the test, such as the Revising/Editing section.

The curriculum includes Bespoke's proprietary lesson book and real, released practice questions. The course also includes two mock tests, so that students gain experience applying their pacing and problem-solving strategies in a proctored environment.

*No class on October 10 (Columbus Day Weekend).  
Note: The 2021 SHSAT date has yet to be announced.  
Class dates will be adjusted in accordance with DOE announcement as necessary.*

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Open to 8th graders

9 hours of instruction,  
5 hours of mock testing

\$795

*Instructor: Hanson Hadi*

*Hanson was a Teacher Assistant and a tutor at the University of Massachusetts, where he received a Masters degree in Physics and a Masters degree in Engineering. He later worked as a software developer and a computer programmer for several high-tech companies. Eventually, Hanson decided to pursue an old passion of his; he moved to New York City to become a writer and graduated from the New School with an M.F.A. in Creative Writing. Hanson is currently working on his second novel. He tutors students in Arabic, all levels of math and physics, and the ISEE, SSAT, SHSAT, SAT and ACT. Hanson is also a fierce chess player who practices Yoga and meditation daily.*

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**Fiction Writing Workshop**

September 21 - December 14

Tuesdays, 5:00-7:00 PM

In-person, Bespoke UWS

(164 West 80th Street)

This workshop is a college seminar-style course for high school students interested in developing their strengths as writers. Modelled after the Iowa Writers' Workshop, the course takes students through the fundamentals of storytelling, explores what makes successful stories work, and fosters a welcoming and rigorous setting for students to read and constructively critique each other's work. Students will leave with a complete and revised short story as part of their portfolio, as well as individualized written feedback.

Readings will include stories by Andre Dubus, Flannery O'Connor, John Gardner, Jorge Luis Borges, Stephen Millhauser, Kate Braverman, Molly Giles, and Gabriel Garcia Marquez. There will also be room for students to bring in a published story they admire. But the most important reading we'll do is reading each other's stories.

Students must apply to participate in the workshop by submitting a writing sample to [ejohnson@bespokeeducation.com](mailto:ejohnson@bespokeeducation.com) no later than September 4. Samples should be creative pieces, of any genre, 6-10 double-spaced pages in length. Students may submit longer pieces if they feel the piece requires it.

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Open to high schoolers

*Note: students must apply*

24 hours of instruction,  
plus office hours on request

\$1150

*Instructor: Eskor Johnson*

*Eskor received his BA in English and American Literature from Harvard University and an MFA in Fiction from the Iowa Writers' Workshop. His writing has appeared in McSweeney's Quarterly Concern and BOMB Magazine, amongst other publications. His teaching experience extends nearly ten years, including time spent as a tutor, a middle school English and Social Studies teacher, and a professor of Creative Writing at the University of Iowa. He is currently working on a novel.*

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**College Essay Writing Workshop**

September 18 - November 13

Saturdays, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

In-person, Bespoke UES

(177 East 87th Street, Suite 300)

[Register here](#) by Sept 4

This workshop offers students a structured approach to writing the final draft of their personal statement for college applications. The course will begin with a primer on writing a clear and compelling essay, then lead students through the brainstorming and outlining process, and finally support students in the revision of the final draft. The instructor will foster a workshop environment to facilitate peer feedback on students' first drafts.

In this intimate workshop setting, students can feel comfortable bringing in their personal statement drafts at any stage of development; the instructor will be in constant conversation with each student about his/her writing objectives and standards. The instructor will also help students interpret and act on the advice of their school college counselors, so that the course seamlessly supports the students' ongoing college process.

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Open to 12th graders

*Note: This course will be capped at 6*

18 hours of instruction

Fee: \$1025

*Instructor: Sam Segan*

*Sam grew up in New York City, where she attended Hunter College High School. She graduated from Williams College with a BA in Philosophy and English. She has tutored students in middle school, high school, and college in essay-writing, academic French, Italian, Latin, math, and physics. Sam tutors for the AP exams in Math, Literature and French and for all sections of the SAT, ACT, ISEE, SSAT, and SHSAT. In her spare time, she reviews books and competes in Brazilian jiu jitsu.*