



BESPOKE EDUCATION

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Register on our website at www.bespokeeducation.com/classes.

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

Refer a friend to a summer class, and we will credit you \$50 for every referral. We are happy to arrange a **custom class** to meet your student's needs. Contact classes@bespokeeducation.com to discuss.

Skill-Building Courses

Grammar Fundamentals Course

July 11 - August 3

TTh, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Online via Zoom

[Register here](#)

Grammar is a tricky business, and most of us shy away from the stress of subject-verb agreement and the tedious rules of punctuation. Who needs apostrophes anyway? But grammar isn't just decorative; it's technical. Form is inseparable from function, and a mastery of grammar allows us to communicate our ideas clearly, efficiently, and unambiguously. A shaky grasp of mechanics can lead to confusion (an entire lawsuit once hinged on the placement of a single comma!) and undermines a writer's confidence, meaning we never quite figure out the difference between *bad* and *badly*, *fewer* and *less*, or where those pesky quotation marks really go.

Students will learn how to spot and fix grammatical errors while proofreading their own work, develop methods to improve syntax, investigate informal discourse and trending language, and identify ways to strengthen prose without damaging an author's voice.

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Instructor: Adrienne Bernhard

Open to: Rising 9th - 12th graders

Total hours: 12

Total classes: 8

Fee: \$900

This class is capped at 8.

Adrienne graduated with departmental honors from Northwestern University, and went on to pursue a Masters degree in American literature at Yale University. Adrienne completed a one-year fellowship at Oxford, and also holds a second Masters degree in Education from Columbia University Teachers College. She has published commentary on corporate social responsibility and articles in numerous literary journals and magazines, including the Atlantic, The Wall Street Journal, Smithsonian, the BBC, and other media outlets. Adrienne is also a freelance editor, web content producer, and, most recently, assistant to the Deputy Editor at The New Yorker. She specializes in essay writing, study skills and organizational support, practical rhetoric and French, as well as test prep for the ISEE, SSAT, SHSAT, SAT, ACT, and GRE exams.



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Math Enrichment: Pre-SAT/ACT

July 10 - August 9

MW, 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Hybrid: UES and Zoom

[Register here](#)

Open to: Rising 11th graders

Total classes: 10

Total hours: 15

Fee: \$995

This class is capped at 8.

Are you expecting to enter Algebra II or Pre-Calculus in the fall, but find you can't remember the quadratic formula or how to solve a system of equations? Are you feeling rusty on the fundamentals of exponents, SOH CAH TOA, or rational expressions? The SAT and ACT test your cumulative math knowledge, so rising juniors need to sharpen their skills from 8th, 9th, and 10th grade at the same time that they prepare to meet the challenges of 11th grade math curriculum.

This course will reinforce key concepts from algebra and geometry that show up on the SAT and ACT, so that students enter junior year with the confidence to launch into test prep.

This class is intended as a multi-topic review; students interested in in-depth or remedial review should inquire with Bespoke about individualized tutoring.

Cryptocurrency Intensive

July 17 - August 2

MW 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Online via Zoom

**recorded*

[Register here](#)

Grades 9-12 + Adults

Total hours: 9

Total classes: 6

Fee: \$750

While it's true that "crypto" is in a bear market, everyone these days seems to be talking about crypto, NFTs, and blockchain gaming. Despite the scams, fraud, and losses you read about, there are many blockchain companies that are legit and building what will be essential components of the future world of finance, entertainment, and social networking.

This live, online course is open to both students and parents who would like to learn more about the world of crypto and blockchain, whether they are total beginners or have some experience. In this course, participants will learn the basics of what blockchain is, use cases, and how cryptocurrency and tokens function; how to evaluate good "projects" and stay up to date on developments in the world of crypto; what NFTs are and how to create them; and what crypto "hot" and "cold" wallets, DAOs, and "governance" are. You will be able to design and "mint" your own NFTs, and you'll create a mock portfolio of crypto tokens to invest in as you learn how to do this responsibly (for parents, an option to set up a real exchange account and learn how to trade tokens can be added). Consider taking this course with your child and learning together.

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Instructor: Tim Levin

Taught by Tim Levin, Founder and CEO of Bespoke, a self-taught crypto enthusiast and expert, this course should be considered essential for anyone wanting to converse in the language of crypto and blockchain, or thinking about investing or working in the industry.

**class needs a minimum of 4 students to run as planned.*



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Test Prep Courses

SAT Prep: Foundations Course

Session A: August 14 - August 25
MTWThF, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Online, via Zoom

[Register here](#)

Designed to kickstart the test prep process for rising juniors, the two-week Foundations courses will give students an in-depth knowledge of the Digital SAT or ACT and an introduction to critical test-taking skills, so that they can enter 11th grade with a personal test prep plan for how to reach their goal scores.

Session B: August 14 - August 25
MTWThF, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Bespoke Bronxville

[Register here](#)

Classes will cover the content and strategies for all sections of the exams and will include curriculum from Bespoke's proprietary lesson books and real, released questions.

ACT Prep: Foundations Course

Session A: August 14 - August 25
MTWThF, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Online, via Zoom

[Register here](#)

Each course includes one full-length mock test so that students can practice in a test-like, proctored environment and map out a plan for continuing test prep in the fall.

Session B: August 14 - August 25
MTWThF, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Bespoke Bronxville

[Register here](#)

Open to: *Sophomores*

Total hours: 15

Total classes: 10

1 mock test

Fee: \$995

Note: Sessions A and B are the same course content; students should choose a session based on schedule and location.



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SAT Prep: Comprehensive Course

July 18 - August 24

TTh, 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Hybrid: Bespoke UES & Zoom

[Register here](#)

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Designed to guide rising juniors through an intensive and complete test prep process, the six-week Comprehensive courses will teach students crucial test-taking skills and strategies. The courses give students an in-depth knowledge of the Digital SAT or ACT exam, as well as a thorough review of EBRW and Math content.

ACT Prep: Comprehensive Course

July 18 - August 24

TTh, 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Hybrid: Bespoke UES & Zoom

[Register here](#)

Course materials include Bespoke's proprietary lesson book and 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.

Open to: *Rising 11th graders*

Total hours:18

Total classes: 12

Total mock tests:2

Fee: \$1250

This class will be capped at 8.

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SAT Prep: Booster Course

August 7 - August 18

MTWThF, 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Online, via Zoom

[Register here](#)

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ACT Prep: Booster Course

August 21 - September 1

MTWThF, 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Online, via Zoom

[Register here](#)

The two-week Booster courses will strengthen test-taking skills for rising seniors who have begun test prep but have yet to reach their goal score. After a brief review of essential strategies, classes will concentrate on reinforcing content and providing extra practice to bridge the gap from junior year to the senior fall and the upcoming test dates.

Each course includes two full-length weekend mock tests, taken under timed conditions, so that students can practice in a test-like, proctored environment.

Note: The SAT Booster is appropriate for students targeting the August real test date. The ACT Booster is appropriate for students targeting the September real test date.

Open to: Rising 12th graders

Total hours: 15

Total classes: 10

Total mock tests: 2

Fee: \$995

This class will be capped at 8.

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SSAT/ISEE Prep: Foundations Course

July 31 - August 25

MWF, 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Hybrid: Bespoke UES & Zoom

[Register here](#)

The 4-week Foundations course covers content and strategies for the math, reading, and vocabulary content on both high school admissions tests, 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 assist students in making their individual testing plans, including their choice of which test to pursue in the fall.

The curriculum includes Bespoke's proprietary lesson book and real, released practice questions.

The course also includes two mock tests, so that students can practice taking either the SSAT or ISEE (or both) in a proctored, test-like environment.

Open to: Rising 8th graders

Total hours: 18

Total classes: 12

Total mock tests: 2

Fee: \$1250

This class will be capped at 8.



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SHSAT Prep: Foundations Course

August 1 - August 24

TTh, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Hybrid: Bespoke UES & Zoom

[Register here](#)

This 2-week Foundations course will give rising 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 one mock test, so that students gain experience applying their pacing and problem-solving strategies in a proctored environment.

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Open to: Rising 8th graders

Total hours: 12

Total classes: 8

Total mock tests: 1

Fee: \$875

This class will be capped at 8.



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College Admissions Courses

College Essay Writing Workshop

Session A: July 8 - July 29
Saturday, 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Bespoke UES
[Register here](#)

Session B: August 12 - September 2
Saturday, 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Online, via Zoom
[Register here](#)

This workshop offers students a structured approach to writing the first 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. The instructor will foster a workshop environment to facilitate peer feedback on students' first drafts.

The course also provides each student with a one-on-one "office hour" meeting: a private session with the instructor to be scheduled after the conclusion of the class, when the student receives final revising notes and a plan for completing the essay over the summer.

Open to: Rising 12th graders

Total hours: 6

Total classes: 4

Fee: \$500

** need 3 students enrolled to run class as planned.*

This class will be capped at 8.



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