



COURSE DESCRIPTION

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SAT* VERBAL PREP - GROUP CLASS

Mercer Education's **SAT VERBAL PREP** provides a comprehensive, effective learning experience that prepares students for the evidenced-based reading and writing sections of the SAT. Our curriculum offers a robust, integrative approach to understanding and applying standard *grammar rules*, *essay writing essentials*, *critical reading skills*, and *test-taking strategies* while also emphasizing *vocabulary building* and *time management*. Students have the opportunity to take multiple tests, systematically identify areas of weakness, and receive in-depth feedback and score analysis from experienced instructors while following a prescribed timeline of instruction that covers the essentials of SAT preparation in approximately five months (or two months during the summer).

The group SAT Verbal class runs as three separate comprehensive courses: a fall semester course from September through January (approximately 19 weeks), a spring semester course from February through June (approximately 19 weeks), and an 8-week course for July and August, which addresses the topics at a faster pace. Each course has its own unique content with *no repetition of material* so students can attend for as long as they like to continue honing their skills. (Curricula alternate yearly so students can attend up to 2 years without repeating.) While a majority of students enroll for longer periods in order to strengthen and refine their skills beyond familiarity with core content and achieve their target scores on the SAT, Mercer Education's 2-month enrollment cycle with pro-rated rolling admission provides maximum flexibility so that students can determine when they are ready to take the actual test. Students may enroll at any time (enrolling midway through the course is no problem) and receive a free assessment, after which they are assigned to appropriate groups according to level and availability.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Comprehensive Test-Taking Strategies
- ▶ Grammar Essentials, with focus on Sentence Improvement
- ▶ In-depth Timed Essay Instruction & Practice
- ▶ Extensive Critical Reading Practice
- ▶ Time Management Skills
- ▶ College-Level Vocabulary Building
- ▶ "Rolling" admission / start at any time
- ▶ Attend as long as needed to hone skills

Unlike other test prep schools, Mercer Education emphasizes preparation using a variety of customized, engaging materials that develop critical thinking, analysis, and writing skills that extend beyond test-taking and increase students' success in their ongoing academic endeavors. The teaching curriculum and materials are specifically prepared for and reserved for use in ME's SAT Verbal Prep Group Classes.

- Meets *once a week* for 1 hour and 50 minutes.
- Class size limited to no more than 8 students per group.
- Students receive free assessment upon enrollment and then are grouped by level and availability.
- Cost based on 2-month blocks of pre-scheduled classes (7-9 classes per 2-month session, i.e. \$385-495) ongoing throughout the year (Jan-Feb, Mar-Apr, etc.). Start any time: mid-session sign-up prorated.
- Parents receive progress reports (Dec. and May) with scores, comments, and recommendations.
- Meets year round; classes generally scheduled weekdays 4–9pm and weekends 9am–5pm.

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