

## Welcome to Kaplan's SAT Online Prep program

We are pleased to partner with your school to help your student succeed on the SAT. Kaplan's SAT Online Prep combines SAT reading, writing, and mathematics content with Kaplan's proven test prep strategies to give students the tools they need to succeed on the SAT. The course uses the same curriculum used in the Kaplan Test Prep centers nationwide, but delivers it to students through online interactive lessons.



## ABOUT KAPLAN

With nearly 70 years of helping students prepare for and succeed on the SAT, Kaplan has more test preparation experience than any other company. Kaplan K12 Learning Services is dedicated to helping students improve academic performance, master standardized tests, and gain acceptance to college.

To reach those goals, Kaplan K12 works with teachers, guidance counselors and parents to:

- Teach students test-taking strategies
- Give students access to our courses anytime, anywhere, via the Internet
- Report student progress and test scores so educators and parents can monitor success
- Create courses that address state and national learning standards

## ABOUT THE SAT

The SAT is a standardized college-admissions test administered by the College Board to nearly two million students every year. Along with your student's high school grades, the SAT is one of the most important factors in getting admitted to many colleges.

The SAT is made up of three main sections: Writing, Critical Reading, and Math. On each section, students receive a score of 200-800, for a minimum score of 600 and a maximum score of 2400 overall.

The test includes 10 different timed sections: three Math sections, three Critical Reading sections, three Writing sections, and an unscored experimental section that will be either Math, Critical Reading, or Writing.

The SAT underwent a major revision in 2005, when a new Writing section, including a student-generated essay, was added. The class of 2006 was the first to take the “new” version of the SAT. If you’re familiar with the old version of the test, you may be interested in knowing about the changes:

- A writing section was added, which includes grammar questions as well as a written essay.
- The analogy question type was removed from the verbal section, placing a greater emphasis on critical reading.
- Algebra II was added to the math section, and the quantitative comparison question type has been eliminated.
- The duration of the test was increased from 3 hours to 3.75 hours.

## COURSE OVERVIEW:

SAT Online Prep covers all aspects of the SAT, divided into three subject areas: Math, Reading, and Writing, plus 16 lessons teaching Kaplan’s own test-taking strategies. All of the lessons use engaging, interactive content. Students can sign into the course from any computer with Internet access.

SAT Online Prep offers 50 lessons:

- 12 Kaplan test strategy lessons
- 31 Math, Critical Reading, and Writing lessons
- 7 basic test prep lessons covering topics such as coping with stress

The course also includes comprehensive practice:

- 4 full-length SAT-like practice tests with automated essay grading
- Exercises within each lesson to provide practice and feedback
- Test questions at the end of each lesson to verify mastery of the content
- Hundreds of SAT test-like practice items—all with Kaplan’s detailed explanations
- Approximately 450 flashcards for additional study

## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Kaplan K12 knows that students learn best when parents are involved, and part of our mission is to make sure that parents play a part in the learning process. We hope that this Family Guide provides a good introduction to what your student will learn with our SAT Online Prep course. To become more involved, here are some ways you can learn more about our course and help your student succeed:

1

***Discuss SAT Online Prep with your student*** – Go to [www.KaplanK12.com](http://www.KaplanK12.com) and sign in using your student's username and password. Ask your student questions, and emphasize how the course is both important and useful. (For more information on signing in, see below.)

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***Monitor your student's progress*** – View your student's test scores and progress in the Results area.

3

***Make sure your student registers for the test*** – Registration can be done online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com), or by mail with a Registration Bulletin which is available at your student's school counselor's office. Determine how you can help by speaking directly with the teacher about deadlines and offline lessons. Ask the counselor about how you can work together to help your student prepare for college.

4

***Provide assistance*** – Students can repeat any or even all of the SAT Online Prep lessons for practice and review. If your student has a hard time with one of the lessons, go over it with him or her. Remember, parents are a student's first and best teachers.

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***Set up a reward system*** – Help your student set realistic goals, and praise achievement – or even provide rewards.

## SIGN INTO THE COURSE

1. Type: [www.KaplanK12.com](http://www.KaplanK12.com) into your browser.
2. Click the “**Login**” area in the upper right-hand area of the page.
3. Click the product title “**SAT Online Prep.**”
4. Type in your student’s username and password in the boxes provided.
5. You will now arrive at your student’s homepage.

- To view a lesson, click a subject area icon, then click the name of the lesson you wish to view.
- To view your student’s progress, click the “**Results**” button in left-hand navigation bar of the homepage.

From the “**Results**” area, you may select the following:

- **Diagnostic Results:** Test results show scores for each SAT practice test taken.
- **Lesson Results:** Lesson results show completed lesson and performance on lesson exercise. Each lesson exercise may be taken multiple times, with the scores recorded for the first three attempts.

With your help, SAT Online Prep will prepare your student to fulfill his/her potential and achieve his/her goals, both for college acceptance and in the pursuit of lifelong learning.

*We look forward to working with you and your family!*

