

## SAT and ACT Prep Programs

Throughout the school year parents will often ask me to recommend prep classes for the students to take to increase their scores on the ACT and the SAT. Although I do not recommend one program over another, I do have a limited list of some proven courses. Please keep in mind the following things when shopping for a course. Yes I did say shopping. All courses do not promise the same things and some may be less expensive than others. It is important to do your investigating earlier than later. It will pay in the long run.

Evaluate your child's learning patterns. Do they work well in a group situation or would individual tutoring be better? One hour with one student can go much further than a student registered in a large group of 20 or more.

Take your student with you when you interview the director responsible for the guidelines of the program.

Stick to the smaller group sessions if possible. Some have ten or less.

Inquire about the follow-up when scores are received. Some programs guarantee a point spread and will give additional tutoring if the scores are not met.

If your student has a close friend that he/she works well with, try to get a tutor for the two students and split the cost.

Here are the names of some programs:

County College of Morris  
Morris Catholic High School  
Academic Resources  
The Princeton Review  
Kaplan College Prep

## COLLEGE PREPARATION TESTING

### SAT ONLINE CHECKLIST

- Log on to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- Check SAT Program test dates
- Register online
- Use free online practice tools
- Learn what skills are tested on the SAT

Test Date	10-10-09	11-07-09	12-05-09	1-23-10	3-13-10	5-01-10	6-05-10
Regular Registration Deadline	9-09-09	10-01-09	10-30-09	12-15-09	2-04-10	3-25-10	4-29-10
Late Registration Deadline	9-23-09	10-15-09	11-12-09	12-30-09	2-18-10	4-08-10	5-13-10

Late Registration requires payment of a late fee.

## ACT

- Log on to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- Create your free ACT Web account
- Register for the ACT or ACT Plus Writing
- Print your admission ticket

Test Date	9-12-09	10-24-09	12-12-09	2-06-10	4-10-10	6-12-10
Registration Deadline	8-07-09	9-18-09	11-06-09	1-05-10	3-05-10	5-07-10
Late Registration Deadline	8-21-09	10-02-09	11-20-09	1-15-10	3-19-10	5-21-10

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