

## How to Prepare for the Redesigned SAT Recommendations for Students

- 1. Use evidence to support your arguments.** Get in the habit of backing up your answers with relevant quotations or data that support your claims.
- 2. Register/sign up for Khan Academy.** Get your personalized practice plan to prepare for the redesigned SAT.
- 3. Build your reading stamina.** Reading passages on the redesigned SAT are more complex than in the past. Be persistent in reading long, difficult passages of literature and informational text.
- 4. Always analyze the informational graphics.** Charts and graphs are not just pictures in a textbook. Practice reading and understanding all supporting graphics, and make sure you understand how the graphics relate to the text.
- 5. Get excited about the U.S. Founding Documents.** At least one of the passages you encounter on the redesigned SAT will be from one of the Founding Documents or a text from the great global conversation they inspire. (Don't worry: You don't need to memorize anything. Just be ready to analyze the documents in the Reading Test.)
- 6. Practice editing and revision.** Focus on precise word choice, sentence structure, and grammatical conventions to support the central themes and arguments in any reading or writing selection.
- 7. Put away the calculator (some of the time).** One portion of the redesigned SAT will require students to solve equations and engage in mathematical reasoning without the use of a calculator. Use of calculators will be allowed (but not always needed) on the other portion of the Math Test.
- 8. Check your answers.** The redesigned SAT Math Test will use multistep problems. Always try your solution in the problem to be sure you have answered all of the questions in the problem and your solution makes sense.
- 9. Answer every question on the test. Wrong answers no longer earn a score deduction. The redesigned SAT uses only right answers to compute your score.**
- 10.** Utilize SAT resources found in the Redesigned SAT Guide—Pages 75-96. Resources include instructional strategies for teaching Writing, Math, Essay Rubrics, Graphic Organizers, etc.
- 11.** Khan Academy will create a practice schedule for students (dates, practice session lengths, reminders). The schedule is built around the student's expected test date.
- 12.** Common Core State Standards Alignment: For a complete list of the SAT standards that are aligned to the CCSS, see pages 15-92 for Mathematics and English alignment.