



Kaplan SAT Prep at Bloomfield: General Information

What this Program is:

The Kaplan SAT at Bloomfield is part of the highly successful Kaplan test prep company. The books, materials, and content are part of a program that Kaplan only offers to schools to prepare students for the SAT. Each session runs approximately 10 weeks before the SAT is given, for a few hours on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays.

The classes are taught here at the high school by Bloomfield teachers, who are invested in students' success and available for questions and support. During each session, students are split into two groups and start with either Math or English. Halfway through class, they get a break and then switch subjects.

How it Works:

Our test prep program work in two ways:

- Identifying weaknesses and teaching or reteaching those skills.
- Introducing specific test-taking strategies for the SAT.

We start with a **diagnostic test** that is proctored *exactly* like the SAT. It is timed, completed, and sent to Kaplan to be scored. Kaplan returns detailed score reports to students within 2 weeks, with specific feedback on where students need to focus to improve. Teachers review these diagnostic tests with students, to help them improve.

The program moves students through a review of the content on the test. Each section begins with a warm-up, introduces a specific skill, and then gives students a chance to practice that skill independently before moving onto the next topic. The books also contain support resources such as glossaries, practice tests, etc.

Why Test Prep is Important:

The SAT tests students' knowledge of *specific* skills. Knowing what these skills are will help them to identify what to focus on when they study (and what *not* to focus on). Plus, many students don't know details about the SAT that can affect their scores. For example, because of a quarter point penalty for wrong answers, it is actually *better* to leave an unknown answer blank than to guess and get it wrong.

College and university admissions offices use the SAT to assess students in Critical Reading, Math, and Writing. The average national score for incoming freshmen last year was about 1500 - roughly 500 in each section. Test prep programs can raise students' scores as much as 100 points or *more!* In the last year, students who have taken the Kaplan SAT prep class in Bloomfield have seen an average increase of 114 points in their combined scores!

To register for classes or for more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/earlysignup> or contact Mrs. Stawicki at mstawicki@bloomfield.k12.nj.us.