

# Marlboro Learning Center

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## SAT Foundation (PSAT) Course

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### Schedule

Date/Time	Hours( Per session)
Sunday, 3:00-5:00pm	2 hours/session

**SAT Foundation Course is designed for students in 9-10 grades. The course will benefit students not only for PSAT and future SAT, it also benefits students' school work and PARCC. It builds up solid foundation for students' critical reading and writing capability by establishing their reading habit which will benefit the rest of their life.**

### **Vocabulary/Grammar**

Students will immerse themselves in SAT vocabulary words, which are a critical component of all sections of the English portion of the exam. This class will focus on the sentence completion and grammar correction portions of the exam, which will cover grammatical lessons including: subject-verb agreement, misplaced modifiers, idioms, prepositional phrases, verb tenses, subjunctive tense, comma splices, semicolons, and numerous grammatical rules that are tested.

### **Reading**

Students will acquire the skills to be successful in the reading and essay sections of the SAT exam. This class will focus on techniques for active reading, to increase their understanding of difficult reading passages. Students will develop their critical thinking skills, to help recognize author's tone, author's purpose, context clues, main idea, important details, and key inferences. This portion of the class will focus on short reading passages, long reading passages, and dual reading passages where two readings are compared and contrasted.

### **Writing**

Students will write a timed essay during each class, just as they will under test-taking conditions. Essays will be graded and students will be guided in how to tackle SAT essay prompts and questions, how to bank characters from novels and history for use on the essay, and how to outline and organize a perfect SAT essay.

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