Eric Wolpert - Tutoring Structure / Policy
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This document isn't intended as a formal agreement that's meant to intimidate you–it's just here to outline the logistics of my tutoring and avoid any confusion. I've tried to make it concise. Please read through it and let me know if you have any questions!

1. **Where I Tutor**
   My tutoring takes place online through Google Meet. I share my screen and use a digital pen to walk through problems and explain concepts.

2. **How I Tutor**
   Since tutoring sessions are charged, I care a lot about making sessions as efficient as possible. That's why I **_highly_** encourage students to complete and score practice SAT math tests before coming to each session. Then, we can spend each session focusing on the problems that the student found the most challenging. For a more detailed look at how I teach the SAT math, see https://learnsatmath.com/strategy/

3. **Trial Sessions**
   For new students, I offer a _free_ 30 minute trial session. During the trial session, we can talk about the student's SAT experience and goals, work through practice problems, and answer any questions the student has. Then, the student and parent can make a more informed decision on whether they want to have tutoring on a recurring basis.

4. **Scheduling Sessions**
   Sessions can be scheduled at https://cal.com/ericwolpert. From this page, you can select the duration, date, and time of the session. You'll also be prompted to select the number of occurrences. Selecting 2 or more occurrences will schedule sessions on a recurring weekly basis (i.e. Sundays 1:00-2:00 pm). Selecting "1" occurrence will schedule a single session.

   After you book the session, I'll need to confirm the booking. Once I've confirmed, you'll receive an email, and the session is officially booked.

5. **Canceling Sessions**
   I wish canceling sessions were easier with cal.com but it's not. If only 1 session was booked, you can go to the confirmation email and there's a button to cancel the session automatically. If you booked multiple sessions, however, you'll only be

prompted with the option to cancel them all. Assuming you only want to cancel 1 session, you'll have to email me. If you wish to *reschedule* a session, cancel the initial session and then schedule a new one with cal.com.

Sessions can be canceled (by the student or myself) within **30 minutes** of their start time. *If a session is canceled less than 30 minutes before the start time, it is considered* ***missed****.*

6. **Missing Sessions**
A missed session is a scheduled session that the student doesn't show up for within the first 10 minutes. If a student knows they'll be late, simply send me an email and I'll wait for them. ***Joining late still means the entire session is charged.***

The first missed session is excused, but for additional missed sessions, I charge a fee equal to half my hourly rate. This is currently **$20**. For each missed session, I still need to block out time, plan the session, get set up, and wait 10 minutes for the student to join. *Please* cancel if you're not going to make it!

7. **Rates / Payments**
My rate is **$40/hour** for all students.

Once you start paying for tutoring, this rate is guaranteed to stay constant for the *first 2 months of tutoring or the first 10 paid sessions* (whichever comes first). ***After that period, I reserve the right to change my rate on current students.*** If the rate is going to change, I'll notify parents at least *2 weeks* in advance.

For non-recurring sessions, payments are made following each session. For recurring sessions, payments are made on a monthly basis. I'll send an email at the end of each month detailing how much is owed.

Payments are through Venmo, unless an alternate option is necessary.
Venmo: **@EricWolpert**

8. **Progress**
All SAT tutoring is ultimately building up to the exam. Ideally, students take their first SAT in the fall of their junior year and take the SAT multiple times (since many colleges only look at the highest score of each section).

When tutoring sessions start, students should commit to an SAT date and we'll work together to come up with a realistic goal for that date's exam. Then, I can

recommend a frequency of sessions and workload between sessions that'll progress the student at their desired rate.

As stated in point 2, my tutoring revolves around *practice tests*. Scores on these tests will be tracked to give students an idea of their rate of progression. Here's an example of this tracking: 🗒 SAT Progress Spreadsheet EXAMPLE

Granted, a lot of progress happens naturally *over time*. 10 tutoring sessions over 10 days would yield much worse results than 10 sessions over 3 months. That's not to say that higher frequency sessions (i.e. multiple sessions a week) would be useless, but rather that there are diminishing returns as you increase session frequency.

9. **Additional (Optional) Resources**
   The only resources the student needs for tutoring are a computer or tablet, paper, a pencil, a calculator, and the online practice tests I'll provide to you for free.

   However, if students are interested in doing *additional* practice outside of practice tests, I can recommend these resources:
   - [UWorld](#) ($50-100+) - Online practice problems with very good explanations (a better–yet paid–alternative to Khan Academy)
   - [College Panda SAT Math Book](#) ($28) - Essentially an SAT Math textbook that covers every single topic on the test with practice problems
   - [College Panda 10 Practice Tests](#) ($26) - 10 practice tests representative of the SAT (only recommended if you've exhausted the free practice tests).
   - [College Panda (online versions)](#) ($24 & $21) - Online versions of the two books listed above