

Eric Wolpert - Tutoring Structure / Policy

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This document isn't meant to intimidate you—think of it as a syllabus that outlines the structure of my tutoring. 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.

Trial sessions can be booked [here](#). After you book the session, I'll need to confirm the booking. Once I've confirmed, you'll receive an email with a Google Meet link, and I'll hope to see you at the session time! This email also gives you a button to cancel the session if needed.

4. Payment Options

I currently offer 3 payment options for SAT Math tutoring:

a. On-Demand Tutoring - ~~\$60/hr~~ **\$45/hr**

Single tutoring sessions that are booked [here](#) and paid for AFTER the session takes place. These are good if you don't want many sessions or are unsure how many you'll need. It's a flexible option with zero commitment.

However, for students that are committed to SAT Math tutoring and would appreciate a substantial discount, I offer two bundles.

b. 8 Hour Bundle - ~~\$480~~ **\$320**

Pay a flat amount in advance for 8 hours of tutoring sessions. Although I recommend 8 1-hour long sessions, if students would prefer a different allocation, I'm happy to make that work. Ideally these sessions are at recurring times, but I'm able to work around students' schedules. After 8 hours of sessions, we typically get through 3-6 practice tests, and I estimate students will improve their scores by **30-70 points**, although I have had a student improve by 100 points in just 8 sessions!

c. 20 Hour Bundle - ~~\$1200~~ **\$740**

Same as the 8 hour bundle but with 20 hours of tutoring sessions. We typically get through 7-15 practice tests, and I estimate students will improve their scores by **50-150 points**. This plan has the lowest hourly rate by the way!

I believe the bundles are the best options for most students. By committing to a set number of sessions, it establishes a recurring schedule that makes studying easier for the student, scheduling and payments easier for the parent, and planning easier for me.

We can discuss which option to choose during the trial session or through email.

Payments are through Venmo, unless an alternate option is necessary.

Venmo: **@EricWolpert**

5. Missing Sessions

If a student is going to miss a planned session, I ask that I'm notified ***at least 30 minutes before the session start time***. As long as I'm notified before that 30 minute mark, the session can be canceled or rescheduled without any penalty. I have yet to see a private tutor with a more lenient cancellation policy.

If a session isn't canceled by that time, then the ***full price*** of the session will be expected to be paid.

I'll join the Google Meet at the designated start time and wait for the first 10 minutes for the student. If the student knows they'll be late, just let me know and I'll wait for them. However, if I've waited 10 minutes and not received any notice from the student, I'll leave the call and cancel the session.

6. 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 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 progress. Here's an example:

 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.

7. 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 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