

## Suggested Summer Method Test Prep Use

You've heard us say it before: summertime is a great time for ACT and SAT prep. Free from the stressors of the school year, motivated students can learn new content and strategies more efficiently during the summer than during any other season. And if your school subscribes to our self-paced prep program, we've got great news: students have uninterrupted access to their accounts during the summer! Here are our suggestions for how those who are looking to accelerate their prep can derive maximum benefit from MTP over the summer.

### For Rising Juniors

For students between their sophomore and junior years, the summer is a critical time for ACT and SAT prep; once the school year starts, juniors will face their most academically challenging year yet. To get a summer jump on their test prep, rising juniors should follow these steps.

1. Take the "Evaluations" on both sides of the program. The first important decision should be which test to pursue. (If you're thinking "why not both?" then you should read this.) MTP's Evaluations present abridged, test-style versions of their corresponding sections to allow students to see where their skills and weaknesses lie, but also to enable students who are new to the process to see which test might be best for them. By using the Evaluation scores, students can estimate their baseline ACT and SAT scores and compare them using a concordance table. If there's a significant gap between their initial scores, students may decide to pursue the test whose evaluation gave them the best results.
2. Once you decide on a test, complete the first 6-8 weeks of the corresponding side of the program. Our program is structured as a series of lesson-based tasks, most of which are accompanied by at least one quiz that reinforces the question types and strategies presented in the lessons. Students can immediately begin to build their skills within the most important content areas by working week-by-week through the first 6 to 8 weeks of the program (beyond the initial first 2 weeks of warmups and evaluations,—this means students should work through Week 10). Because we front-load the checklist with the most frequently appearing ("high yield") material, any student who works through these checklist weeks will learn and reinforce skills that are absolutely crucial to achieving a high ACT or SAT score.
3. Take the first full-length test toward the end of the summer. On both the ACT side and the SAT side of the program, the checklist features two full-length exams, accessible via the left-side navigation panel or at the end of the checklists. It's a good idea for rising juniors to take a full-length test to see where they stand after several weeks of practice. Students can use the results to learn where they need to put in ad