

Newport-Mesa Unified School District
Office of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction
High School Course of Study

Course Title		SAT/ACT Preparation 1A				Course Code					
Transcript Title:	SAT/ACT Preparation 1A			Grades Levels:	9-12		Board Adoption Date:				
Content Area:	Interdisciplinary			GPA Scale:	4.0		Date Course Submitted:		4/2016		
Credential Req:			Graduation Subject Areas:		Electives				This is a semester course only		
UC/CSU “A-G” Area Approvals:		No		School Site that wrote and submitted the course:			Estancia High School				
Recommend Skills):											
Next course(s):	n/a										

COURSE DESCRIPTION (catalog summary):

The SAT/ACT Prep course is designed to prepare students for the rigor of college entrance exams. The course will blend classroom-based instruction with student use of online test preparation platforms. The course will also help students understand their own strengths and weaknesses through diagnostic tests, learn test-taking strategies, and improve their vocabulary knowledge to increase their SAT and/or ACT scores.

GOALS (expected performance outcomes for students):

*Students will learn test-tasking strategies to improve their performance on the SAT and/or ACT exam.
 Students will improve their vocabulary knowledge in preparation for the SAT and/or ACT exam.
 Students will take full-length timed practice SAT and/or ACT tests to identify areas for remediation.
 Student will improve their SAT and/or ACT score.*

CALIFORNIA CONTENT STANDARDS (how the course aligns with California and/or national curriculum standards):

The SAT/ACT Prep course aligns with the following Common Core State Standards:

- *CCSS English Language Arts Standards for Reading: Literature (Grades 9-10 & 11-12)*
- *CCSS English Language Arts Standards for Reading: Informational Text (Grades 9-10 & 11-12)*
- *CCSS English Language Arts Standards for Writing (Grades 9-10 & 11-12)*
- *CCSS English Language Arts Standards for Language (Grades 9-10 & 11-12)*
- *CCSS Standards for Mathematical Practice – High School: Number and Quantity*
- *CCSS Standards for Mathematical Practice – High School: Algebra*
- *CCSS Standards for Mathematical Practice – High School: Functions*
- *CCSS Standards for Mathematical Practice – High School: Geometry*
- *CCSS Standards for Mathematical Practice – High School: Statistics & Probability*

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EVALUATION *(how the effectiveness of the course will be monitored and assessed):*

The effective of the SAT/ACT Prep course will be monitored through student diagnostic scores on pre- and post-practice exams administered compared to student performance on the SAT and ACT exams.

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Unit 1	Length of Unit - 7 weeks				
	Key Vocabulary	Standards (referenced)	Model Tasks	Tools / Texts	
SAT Critical Reading & ACT English & Reading	The College Board common SAT vocabulary words will be introduced throughout unit	• CCSS English Language Arts Standards for Reading: Literature (Grades 9-10 & 11-12) • CCSS English Language Arts Standards for Reading: Informational Text (Grades 9-10 & 11-12) • CCSS English Language Arts Standards for Writing (Grades 9-10 & 11-12) • CCSS English Language Arts Standards for Language (Grades 9-10 & 11-12)	• Test-taking strategies • Active reading strategies • Examining question stems • Use of prediction • SAT vocabulary • Sentence completion • Passage-based reading • Inferring relationships and vocabulary in context • Citing textual evidence • Determining central ideas and themes • Analyzing the author's purpose and point of view in a given passage • Synthesizing, comparing and contrasting information from different passages	SAT Study Guide ACT Study Guide Online test preparation platforms (such as ePrep, Schmoop, Kahn Academy)	
Differentiation	Support -- for students who are struggling with the content	Content: Online testing platform blended with classroom instruction utilizing SAT Study Guide. Process: Use of the online platform allows students to progress through the test preparation program at their own pace. Students who are struggling with the content can progress at a pace that is comfortable to them. Product: Completion of practice tests.			
	Extension – for high achieving students.	Content: Online testing platform blended with classroom instruction utilizing SAT Study Guide. Process: Use of the online platform allows students to progress through the test preparation program at their own pace. High-achieving students can progress through the program at an accelerated pace. . Product: Completion of practice tests.			

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Evaluation	Formative Assessments (ongoing & mid-lesson): Student learning will be assessed over the course of class through their progress in completing the various modules on the online test preparation program.
	Summative Assessments (unit final evaluation): Student learning will be assessed through comparison of pre and post diagnostic data available through the online test preparation platform.

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Unit 2	Length of Unit - 7 weeks			
	Key Vocabulary	Standards (referenced)	Model Tasks	Tools / Texts
SAT Math & ACT Math	<i>The College Board common SAT vocabulary words will be introduced throughout unit</i>	• CCSS Standards for Mathematical Practice – High School: Number and Quantity • CCSS Standards for Mathematical Practice – High School: Algebra • CCSS Standards for Mathematical Practice – High School: Functions • CCSS Standards for Mathematical Practice – High School: Geometry • CCSS Standards for Mathematical Practice – High School: Statistics & Probability	• Test-taking strategies • Number and operations review • Algebra and functions review (problem solving, exponents, radicals, polynomials, and rational expressions, scatterplots) • Geometry and measurement review (lines, angles and triangles) • Data analysis, Statistics and probability	SAT Study Guide ACT Study Guide Online test preparation platforms (such as ePrep, Schmoop, Kahn Academy)
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Unit 3	Length of Unit - 4 weeks			
	Key Vocabulary	Standards (referenced)	Model Tasks	Tools / Texts
SAT Essay & ACT Writing	<i>The College Board common SAT vocabulary words will be introduced throughout unit</i>	• CCSS English Language Arts Standards for Reading: Literature (Grades 9-10 & 11-12) • CCSS English Language Arts Standards for Reading: Informational Text (Grades 9-10 & 11-12) • CCSS English Language Arts Standards for Writing (Grades 9-10 & 11-12) • CCSS English Language Arts Standards for Language (Grades 9-10 & 11-12)	• Test-taking strategies • Citing textual evidence to support claims • Using reasoning to develop ideas and connect claims and evidence • Use of stylistic or persuasive elements to add power to the ideas expressed • Developing an outline of features to be analyzed in response • Effective language use • Conventions of usage in written English	SAT Study Guide ACT Study Guide Online test preparation platforms (such as ePrep, Schmoop, Kahn Academy)
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