

Pointers For Parents

SAT/ACT Studying Tips

(NAPSA)—Taking the SAT/ACT is a rite of passage for most high school students. While parents are aware of how critical these tests are to their children's futures, many don't know how to help their children prepare.

Fortunately, there are tools available to students, including online and collaborative studying that provides a more personalized, social and interactive experience. Farb Nivi, founder of Grockit, an education technology company that makes test prep fun through the use of social networks and gaming mechanics, shares the following tips:

1. Begin preparing for the test three to four months in advance by identifying your child's testing strengths and needs by specific academic skill.

2. Structure your preparation around your child's unique strengths and needs with a customized program instead of a one-size-fits-all class.

3. Encourage your child to study a little bit every day rather than binge studying a few days a week. Every five to seven days, have him or her take a full day off from test prep altogether.

4. Don't let your child take the SAT and SAT II on the same weekend. This common mistake causes unnecessary stress.

5. Don't let your children study the day before the test. They are not going to learn anything the last day and they are more likely to stress themselves out. On the morning of the test, have them



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warm up by answering different types of questions without checking the answers.

Additionally, parents can consider an online studying service such as Grockit.com, says Nivi. "Research has shown that students benefit from studying in a social and collaborative environment. Grockit provides this through live online study groups while also providing a completely customized test prep program to meet each child's needs. The result is a program that is not only fun and engaging but also affordable and produces the score improvements students and parents demand."

For more information, visit www.Grockit.com.