

Goldstein Test Prep Summer SSA SAT/ACT Programs

- **Shady Side Community and Accolades** – Goldstein Test Prep is the only college preparation program in Pittsburgh run by Shady Side graduates. Founded and operated by Mike Goldstein (SSA Class of 2003, UPenn Class of 2007), Goldstein Test Prep works with between 60 and 70 Shady Side students every year. Goldstein Test Prep was recently selected by **CBS Local** as one of the top SAT/ACT preparation programs in the region.
- **Options** – We offer group courses, private tutoring, and combination programs for both the SAT and the ACT. Every family receives a **free consultation** and ongoing support to determine which tests might be best for students to pursue. While small enough to have individual relationships with each of our families, Goldstein Test Prep is big enough to offer flexible options and find the right program for each family. **Please see our group course options on the next page and private tutoring options below.**
- **Ongoing Support** – During each program, students receive a detailed day-by-day and week-by-week study plan so they know exactly what they need to do to solidify their gains and continue to improve. Additionally, after their initial SAT or ACT program, **students will be welcome to attend any subsequent classroom course of the same type at no additional charge.** If you enroll in one of our programs, we are with you until you get the scores you want. Students are also welcome to take an **unlimited number of practice exams.**
- **Elite Teachers and Mentorship** – Goldstein Test Prep features a team of passionate, committed, life-long educators who are deeply invested in their students' success. We hire full-time instructors for our tutoring and group courses. As a result, our instructors are immersed in both the tests and the tutoring process. All instructors have scored in the top percentile of test-takers nationwide and achieved an impressive number of accolades. Excellent communication skills and a drive to help others are also essential qualities we look for in each of our instructors. Having successfully navigated the college admissions process and gained admission to some of the top programs in their fields, our teachers are in a unique position to act not only as instructors, but also as mentors to their students.
- **The Right Approach** – We explain to our students how each question type is designed to test them on a very narrow set of skills, specifically **step-by-step thinking processes.** By pulling back the curtain on the SAT and ACT, we seek to empower our students. We also **review every concept** they will encounter on each test. When we go over the best approaches to every question type, **our students develop a clear system** for each section and know exactly what to expect on test day.
- **Financial Aid Opportunities** – Founded on the belief that quality test preparation should be available to everyone, Goldstein Test Prep will be offering financial aid opportunities to SSA families who receive financial aid from the Academy and who wish to attend courses at Shady Side or any other Goldstein Test Prep location. If you are interested in learning more or applying for financial aid, please contact Verne Bergstrom in the Business Office, vbergstrom@shadysideacademy.org.

Group Courses

Classroom courses are available throughout the summer and school year and start at \$650. **Our programs at SSA are listed below, and to see all of our course locations and offerings, please visit our website, www.goldsteintestprep.com/#/courses.** After completing a classroom course, students are welcome to sit in on future courses of the same type to review and an unlimited number of practice tests at no additional charge. Also, after building foundational skills in the classroom, students have the option to add individual tutoring to focus on specific areas of need at a rate of **\$80 per hour.**

Goldstein Test Prep – SSA June SAT Course

In-Person Course Registration Page: <https://goldsteintestprep.com/#/courses/263>

Live Online SAT Course Option: <https://goldsteintestprep.com/#/courses/257>

To View Evening and ACT Course Options, Visit <https://goldsteintestprep.com/#/courses>

Class	Class Date	Class Time
Practice Test 1	6/19/2021	11:00AM - 2:30PM
Class 1	6/21/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 2	6/22/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 3	6/23/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 4	6/24/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Practice Test 2	6/26/2021	11:00AM - 2:30PM
Class 5	6/28/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 6	6/29/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 7	6/30/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 8	7/1/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Practice Test 3	7/10/2021	11:00AM - 2:30PM
Practice Test 4	7/17/2021	11:00AM - 2:30PM

- Practice exams may be rescheduled as needed. Students can make up missed tests at a later date, or we can provide students with tests to take on their own.
- Students can sit in on courses at other times and locations in the event they need to miss a class.

Goldstein Test Prep – SSA July SAT Course

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Live Online SAT Course Option: <https://goldsteintestprep.com/#/courses/258>

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Class	Class Date	Class Time
Practice Test 1	7/10/2021	11:00AM - 2:30PM
Class 1	7/12/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 2	7/13/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 3	7/14/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 4	7/15/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Practice Test 2	7/17/2021	11:00AM - 2:30PM
Class 5	7/19/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 6	7/20/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 7	7/21/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 8	7/22/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Practice Test 3	7/24/2021	11:00AM - 2:30PM
Practice Test 4	7/31/2021	11:00AM - 2:30PM

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Goldstein Test Prep – SSA July/August SAT Course

In-Person Course Registration Page: <https://goldsteintestprep.com/#/courses/265>

Live Online SAT Course Option: <https://goldsteintestprep.com/#/courses/259>

To View Evening and ACT Course Options, Visit <https://goldsteintestprep.com/#/courses>

Class	Class Date	Class Time
Practice Test 1	7/24/2021	11:00AM - 2:30PM
Class 1	7/26/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 2	7/27/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 3	7/28/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 4	7/29/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Practice Test 2	7/31/2021	11:00AM - 2:30PM
Class 5	8/2/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 6	8/3/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 7	8/4/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 8	8/5/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Practice Test 3	8/7/2021	11:00AM - 2:30PM
Practice Test 4	8/14/2021	11:00AM - 2:30PM

- Practice exams may be rescheduled as needed. Students can make up missed tests at a later date, or we can provide students with tests to take on their own.
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Goldstein Test Prep – Mid-August SAT Course

In-Person Course Registration Page: <https://goldsteintestprep.com/#/courses/266>

Live Online SAT Course Option: <https://goldsteintestprep.com/#/courses/260>

To View Evening and ACT Course Options, Visit <https://goldsteintestprep.com/#/courses>

Class	Class Date	Class Time
Practice Test 1	8/7/2021	11:00AM - 2:30PM
Class 1	8/9/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 2	8/10/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 3	8/11/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 4	8/12/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Practice Test 2	8/14/2021	11:00AM - 2:30PM
Class 5	8/16/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 6	8/17/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 7	8/18/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Class 8	8/19/2021	11:00AM - 1:00PM
Practice Test 3	8/21/2021	11:00AM - 2:30PM
Practice Test 4	8/28/2021	11:00AM - 2:30PM

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Private Tutoring

For many students, private tutoring is a better option for test preparation. Whether you are looking for a more individualized program or you have a busy schedule to work around, we will develop the right tutoring program to fit your needs. Additionally, with a diverse and talented teaching staff, we will take the time to find the right tutor for your student. There is no expiration date on tutoring hours so they can be used throughout the year. The 12-hour, 20-hour, and 30-hour programs include materials, practice plans, and an unlimited number of proctored practice tests (we recommend at least 4). Tutoring meetings take place in-home, at a convenient location, or live online. Students are also encouraged to join us for full-length practice tests on Saturdays and Sundays at any of our locations and online.

6-hour program (\$599)

On the SAT and ACT, each test features four multiple choice sections and an optional essay. Our 6-hour program is designed for students focused on just one section of either test. If a student has already taken the SAT or ACT and requires help with only the SAT or ACT math section, for example, this program provides an appropriate review.

12-hour program (\$1150)

The 12-hour program is the right fit for students focused on one or two sections of either test. This program allows for a more comprehensive review of any one or two sections on either test. Students participating in the 12-hour program receive a copy of our curriculum and authentic practice tests, and will also be welcome to attend an unlimited number of proctored practice tests.

20-hour program (\$1799)

Our 20-hour tutoring program is the most popular as it covers every section of either the SAT or ACT and allows for more flexibility. The 20-hour program also allows for more time to be devoted to any area a student finds particularly challenging. It includes all of our program materials and practice tests. Parents and students will receive ongoing feedback, as well as recommendations as to whether some hours should be saved for later testing dates.

30-hour program – includes free access to all group courses (\$2599)

Our 30-hour program is the right fit for any student seeking comprehensive test preparation for the SAT, ACT or both. This program includes more time for targeted review and offers the greatest opportunity to focus on any area of need. The 30-hour program is the right fit for students who plan to take the SAT or ACT multiple times during the year. Students will also be welcome to sit in on any SAT or ACT classroom courses to review at no extra charge.

Hybrid Tutoring

For students who want to combine the structure of our classroom course with additional, targeted attention, our hybrid tutoring program is the right fit. This includes additional tutoring as needed at a rate of \$80 per hour. How those hours are structured is flexible. Past students have used them to focus on challenging areas, have saved them to review prior to their testing date during the year, or have used them after an SAT course as an introduction to the ACT or Subject Tests.

Featured Tutors and Instructors

Instructor and Founder: Mike Goldstein

College: University of Pennsylvania

Major: Intellectual History

Subjects: SAT, ACT, Academic Math, History, English, GRE

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Bio: Mike knew early on that he wanted to be a teacher and be involved in education. After graduating from Shady Side Academy in 2003, he attended the University of Pennsylvania where he majored in history and planned to become a full-time teacher. After graduating Magna Cum Laude from Penn, he offered his first SAT programs in Pittsburgh during the summer of 2007 in an effort to fulfill his desire to teach and to help those in his community. From 2007-2010, he taught 10th grade humanities at Culver Academies, an elite boarding school in northern Indiana where he also coached football and basketball. While at Culver, Mike developed an educational philosophy focused on skill-driven, student-centered learning, with an emphasis on understanding how students think through the academic challenges they face. He continued running SAT and ACT programs in Pittsburgh during the summers until 2010 when he left Culver to run his preparation programs full-time. From his experience working “in the trenches” with hundreds of students during the past eight years, he developed an approach to SAT and ACT preparation that meets students where they are, understanding the anxiety that standardized testing causes but also helping students to frame these tests as manageable opportunities to succeed and attain their goals. Recognizing that the SAT and ACT are structured to test students on specific types of thinking skills in predictable, standardized ways, he designed Goldstein Test Prep’s programs to empower students by helping them understand what they are being tested-on and how to think deliberately through each question type. He looks forward to doing all that he can to help students develop the knowledge, skills and self-confidence to succeed in their aspirations, large and small!

Instructor and Manager: Susan Anderson

College: Carnegie Mellon University

Major: History, Gender Studies

Subjects: SAT, ACT, Literature, US History, World History, Math I Subject Tests

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Bio: Susan, now entering her fifth year with Goldstein Test Prep, graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a Bachelor of Arts in History and minor in Gender Studies. Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Susan has worked with over 500 students in the Greater Pittsburgh Area. Susan specializes in finding the right approach for each individual student and has enjoyed working with students at all achievement levels including those with learning accommodations. She developed her passion for teaching from her experiences and relationships at Oakland Catholic High School, where she graduated at the top of her class. Well versed in all content areas, Susan enjoys helping students to understand the test taking skills that the SAT and ACT require. Her students have experienced success with the tests and have gone on to be accepted into prestigious colleges and universities! Susan has thoroughly benefited from getting to know the many young people she has worked with through the years, not to mention developing excellent navigational skills of the streets and towns of Pittsburgh. Throughout her time in high school and college, Susan rowed on the varsity rowing team and still finds time to spend early mornings on the water. In her free time Susan loves to cook for her friends and family, spend time with the puppy in her life, and is currently training for a half-marathon!