

# Guidance/College & Career - ACT/SAT Test Prep Options

## PSAT, ACT, and SAT Test Preparation Organizations

Note: The following companies and private tutors have either submitted their names to DeLaSalle or have been recommended by a DeLaSalle teacher or parent. DeLaSalle does not claim personal knowledge of each company or individual below. It is your responsibility to research the companies or individuals available.

\*Denotes an organization that offers free practice tests in the area several times a year

**Note FREE option through Naviance Family Connection:** DeLaSalle students have access to **PrepMe in Naviance**. PrepMe is paid for by Minneapolis Non-Public Services and is a comprehensive test prep option for both the ACT and SAT. Students are asked when they will be taking the ACT or SAT and Prep Me creates a test prep program to help them prepare. Once students log in to their Naviance account, PrepMe is on the left-hand sidebar.

### **A+ Tutoring Service, Ltd.**

Contact: Marilyn Aspen, [aplusrecords@aol.com](mailto:aplusrecords@aol.com), Edina: 952-953-8157 or 651-738-0149 <http://www.aplustutoringserviceLtd.com>

Description: A+ Tutoring service provides ACT and SAT tutoring in small groups and one to one either in Woodbury, Edina, MN or in home. More than 230 tutors available, most are teachers, or retired teachers.

### **Academic College Prep Services**

Contact: [JohnL.Swanson@gmail.com](mailto:JohnL.Swanson@gmail.com) or 763-417-0659 or 612-202-7336

Description: Sherry Swanson (former teacher), Jacqueline Moldenhauer (U of M engineering graduate), John Swanson (Master of Science), Nancy Thimsen (Master of Education). Experts in PSAT, ACT, SAT and SAT Subject Test preparation with more than 20 years of college prep tutoring. We recommend starting as a freshman or sophomore, but upper classmen are most welcome. Ask for our four-year college preparation guidelines based on our extensive experience. We're located near I-394, Highway 55 and Country Road 73 in Plymouth.

### **Academic Tutoring and Testing, Inc.**

Contact: Elayne Engler, M.A. 952-591-9437 or [www.acatutor.com](http://www.acatutor.com)

Description: ACT and SAT prep is available. Tutoring is formatted to fit the individual student's needs. Students can meet with tutors as many times as they feel necessary. This tutoring service works well with students of all ability levels, including students who have ADD/ADHD or learning disabilities. Tutors with virtue training available to tutor at BSM upon request.

### **Advantage Educational Program**

Contact: Gary Campbell, [advantage@advantageprep.net](mailto:advantage@advantageprep.net), [www.AdvantagePrep.net](http://www.AdvantagePrep.net) or 612-222-5108.

Description: ACT small group classes meet for three hours, one time per week, for 4-6 weeks. Classes are held all over the Twin Cities area. Cost: \$140 for ACT. Students may repeat the course free of charge. Registration available online.

## **ACT Online Prep**

Contact: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Description: Act prep accessible anytime, anywhere includes (1) Diagnostic test, (2) practice tests, essays with real-time scoring, comprehensive content review for each of the four required tests.

Cost: \$24.95 for one year. Include access for a single user.

## **ACT Ready**

Contact: [Mary Ann Dorsher](mailto:MaryAnn.Dorsher@actready.net) and [Mary Langfeldt](mailto:Mary.Langfeldt@actready.net). [www.actready.net](http://www.actready.net) or 612-927-9516 [info@actready.net](mailto:info@actready.net)

Description: More than 3,200 students of all academic abilities from 86 metro high schools have benefited from ACT Ready's reasonably-priced, 6-week program. Located in SW Minneapolis, our small group classes allow for individualized attention, enabling students to quickly build their testing skills and confidence. On average, our students achieve gains of 3 to 4 points in their ACT composite scores or approximately 20% in their national percentile rankings.

## **Alberts SAT/ACT Tutoring**

Contact: Brenda Alberts, Master Tutor at [brenda.alberts.mn@gmail.com](mailto:brenda.alberts.mn@gmail.com) or 612-581-1425

<http://www.k-12learningsolutions.com>

Description: Private tutoring, in-home or at Benilde with school approval. Veteran Tutors with 4+ years of experience, familiarity with BSM curriculum. References from BSM families upon request.

## **Ann Cadwallader ACT/SAT Tutoring**

Contact: [ann@myuniversitycoach.com](mailto:ann@myuniversitycoach.com) 952-237-0079

Description: Former teacher at Groves Academy, been "in business" 23 years, will coach students with LD and students whose 1st language is not English. She has worked with BSM students.

## **Aspire Instruction**

Personalized, in-person tutoring for college entrance exams. Thore has helped diverse students reach their potential, including a number of 9 point score increases on the ACT. Aspire Instruction strives to strengthen core academic competencies, study skills, and test taking strategies, so the tutoring benefits students long past the test date.

Contact: Thore Dossall, 320-287-0933, [www.aspireinstruction.com](http://www.aspireinstruction.com)

## **Club Z in home tutoring services for PSAT, SAT and ACT**

Contact: [www.clubztutoring.com](http://www.clubztutoring.com) or 952-404-2414

Description: Club Z offers individualized, in-home attention with the same tutor for each session. They offer customized practice focusing on areas that need improvement. There is a 10-hour prep program or a 20-hour prep program.

## **\*College Tutors – Edina Learning Center and Excelsior Learning Center**

Contact: [Genna Fritz](mailto:Genna.Fritz@collegetutors.com) <http://www.collegetutors.com/edinamn> or [952-285-7667](tel:952-285-7667).

Description: College Tutors provides one-on-one tutoring for all subjects including math, science, AP and IB courses as well as ACT, SAT and PSAT preparation. Since 2004 our students have consistently improved their scores. We average a 4 point increase, with as many as 6 – 8 points for students with pretest scores in the 20's. Our tutors have scored in the 98th percentile or above and excel in imparting knowledge and strategies for optimum results.

Schedules and focus are individualized over a recommended 25 hour schedule. 3 practice tests included, with up to 9 different tests for the avid student. Free ACT/SAT practice tests are available each Saturday. Contact us for dates and to register.

## **Doorway to College Foundation: Zaps Focused Test Prep**

Contact: [www.doorwaycollege.com](http://www.doorwaycollege.com) or call 1-877-927-8378 for locations of seminars

Description: ACT or SAT group classes are offered at multiple locations in the Twin Cities area. Register for a Saturday, 5-hour seminar or webinar, or two-2 1/2 hour sessions. Approximate cost: \$89.00 See website for additional test prep resources.

## **\*eNotes.com**

Contact: <http://www.enotes.com/documents/sat-diagnostic-practice-test-1-24247> or call 1-888-847-6897

Description: A full-length practice test for the new SAT. Includes a detailed answer key. Taken from Research and Education Association's award winning Mastering the SAT book. Your purchase allows you to download this document for 90 days. This document is offered in the following file formats: PDF \$4.99.

## **\*Hennepin County Library**

Contact: [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org)

Description: To access FREE ACT/SAT/PSAT/AP practice tests:

1. go to [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org)"
2. Scroll down to "Learning Express Library"
3. Enter your barcode from your HC Library card
4. Register (enter a username and password)
5. A page will pull up with all kinds of practice exams. AP practice exams are the first group to come up. Practice ACT and SAT exams show up next.
6. Click on an exam, and follow directions.

## **Homeworks for Students, Inc.**

Contact: [www.homeworksforstudents.com](http://www.homeworksforstudents.com)

Sara Dodge 612-871-2043.

Description: Private one-on-one in-home tutoring tailored to your student's specific needs. LD certified teachers are available. K-college, all academic subjects, ACT/SAT/PSAT. Now introducing Strategyworks, organization and study skills to help your student achieve academic independence. Locally owned and operated since 2003.

## **Huntington Learning Center**

Contact: [www.huntingtonlearning.com](http://www.huntingtonlearning.com)

Plymouth - Amy Servi 763-542-0005

Description: We offer individualized programs with one-on-one instruction in the areas of reading, writing, math, study skills, PSAT, SAT, ACT, AP Exams and individual school subject areas in our accredited center.

Our scheduling is flexible and we offer an array of payment options, including financing.

## **Irlen Testing**

Contact Leslie Held: 952-920-5376, [Irlen.com](http://Irlen.com)

A one-time assessment that addresses underlying visual perceptual difficulties that contribute to reading/learning difficulties, headaches, light sensitivity and attention issues. With the help of Irlen overlays many of these difficulties are improved. The Irlen overlays are an approved accommodation on ACT/SAT and state testing.

## **\*Ivy Bound Test Prep**

Contact: [www.ivybound.net](http://www.ivybound.net) or call 1-877-975-1600 or [info@ivybound.net](mailto:info@ivybound.net) or [msg@ivybound.net](mailto:msg@ivybound.net)

Description: Private tutoring or instruction for a group of 4 or more students (long term or short term); tutoring can be

done at a local place determined by participants. Free SAT practice tests are offered. Tutoring is available for the ACT, SAT, SAT Subject Tests and college prep. Additional tutoring is available for all high school academic subject areas. Hourly rates available. Speed reading course for improved speed and retention.

## **K-12 Learning Solutions**

Goal based instruction with tutors who are selected specifically for students based on their needs after an initial phone interview. Flexible scheduling is offered.

[www.k-12learningsolutions.com](http://www.k-12learningsolutions.com)

### **\*Kaplan Test Prep**

Contact: 1-800-KAP-TEST or [www.kaptest.com/college](http://www.kaptest.com/college)

Description: Prep Courses for PSAT, ACT or SAT are offered. Options include classroom courses, online courses and private tutoring. Call 1-800-KAP-TEST for information on any of Kaplan's test prep options. Click on the link "Find a Free Event" for information about free practice tests in the Twin Cities area.

### **\*KnowHow2GoWisconsin**

Contact: [www.KnowHow2GoWisconsin.org](http://www.KnowHow2GoWisconsin.org)

Description: FREE, online test prep for any student.

### **Magna Test Prep**

Contact: <https://www.magnatestprep.com>

High intensity group "ACT Camps" and in-home tutoring with a focus on hard work and goal achievement. Led by Benilde-St. Margaret's alum, Robert Duffy.

Description: in home test prep

### **Nancy Thimsen - ACT Test Prep Tutor**

Contact: [nthimsen@comcast.net](mailto:nthimsen@comcast.net) or 612-281-1468

Description: Teacher/Tutor since 1977.

### **Peterson's Test Prep GuidanceNet**

Contact: [support@petersons.com](mailto:support@petersons.com) or 877-837-8773

Description: Online courses are available for PSAT, ACT, SAT and Military entrance tests.

### **\*Princeton Review**

Contact: [www.PrincetonReview.com](http://www.PrincetonReview.com) or 1-888-955-4600

Description: PSAT, ACT and SAT prep courses are available. Options include classroom courses, online courses or private tutoring.

Free practice tests and strategy sessions are available for students at various locations throughout the Twin Cities.

### **Revolution Prep**

Description: Revolution Prep offers many test prep options, allowing students the easiest, most convenient, and most affordable tutoring yet. Revolution's *Distinguished Tutors* help students improve college readiness, academic skills, and score higher on standardized tests. Your child will never be "just a number" to us.

Website: [www.revolutionprep.com](http://www.revolutionprep.com)

## **SAT Online Test Prep**

Contact: [www.sat.collegeboard.com/practice](http://www.sat.collegeboard.com/practice) Description: Accessible anywhere, anytime, official SAT online course provides built-in study guide, includes free practice questions, 18 lessons, 10 practice tests with availability to take online or on paper. Cost: \$69.95

## **\*Sylvan Learning Systems, Inc.**

Contact: [www.sylvanlearning.com](http://www.sylvanlearning.com) or Burnsville - 952-435-6603, Edina - 952-831-5351, Maple Grove - 763-494-9676, Minnetonka - 952-544-6253 or Chaska - 952-466-3838

Description: ACT and SAT classroom and small group courses are available. Students are offered flexible scheduling to complete all the required coursework for the program. Cost: We offer a flexible student loan program and affordable monthly payment options.

## **The English Tutor**

Contact: [www.theenglishtutorllc.com](http://www.theenglishtutorllc.com) or 612-825-1896 or Rosemary Stalter at [rosemary@theenglishtutorllc.com](mailto:rosemary@theenglishtutorllc.com)

Description: Tutors provide one-on-one or shared tutoring experiences with students of similar cognitive ability. All tutors specializing in ACT & SAT prep have had specific training in those tests because preparing students for the ACT or SAT is very different from teaching a specific content area. Tutors specialize in other areas beyond English. The sessions are generally held in Edina, Southdale or Linden Hills libraries.

## **The Learning Edge and Home School Solutions Services**

Contact: [www.learnwithsuccess.com](http://www.learnwithsuccess.com) or Matt at 612-834-5181.

Description: ACT/SAT Preparation Classes, Individual or Group sessions. Tutors have experience working with dyslexia, ADD, auditory and vision issues. Cost: \$65/hr individual at your home.

## **Thomas Lamosse ACT tutor/teacher Junior Genius mentoring program**

Contact: [www.minnesotaacttutoring.com](http://www.minnesotaacttutoring.com) or 952-217-0353 [info@minnesotaacttutoring.com](mailto:info@minnesotaacttutoring.com)

Description: Thomas Lamosse ACT tutor/teacher with 18 years experience teaching ACT prep. Thomas is also the creator of the largest ACT video tutorial website on the internet. One price will get your student through as many ACT exams as he/she need to take. 14 hours of 1-1 private tutoring, 2 group timed practice tests and free "reprep."

## **Wendy Engel Math/English Tutor for ACT/SAT/PSAT**

Contact: 952-933-6813; [blakemom@msn.com](mailto:blakemom@msn.com)

Description: Ms. Engel works with individuals or small group for day or evening appointments. Summer 8-hour PSAT class offered in August. BSM references available upon request.

## **University of Minnesota**

Contact: Dr. Ernest Davenport 612-624-1040 or Mr. Gareth Phillips 612-626-1662; or email: [actsat@umn.edu](mailto:actsat@umn.edu)

Description: Free 10-week ACT/SAT review class targeted to minority and female high school students. Space is limited, attendance is mandatory. Class generally starts second or third Saturday in January. Quinton Love: 612-626-1662.