

SAT/ACT FREE Online Prep

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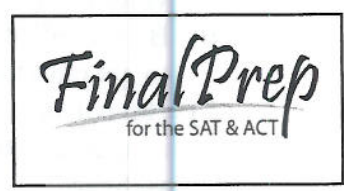
Free online Final Prep for the SAT and ACT

While you can access the SAT/ACT online prep from any computer, 24 hours/7 days a week, you will also be able to complete the program at school.

This component of a comprehensive online service has been purchased by Montgomery County Public Schools to help students prepare for the December and January SAT and ACT! This Online session is designed to be completed the week before taking the test to help you confidently prepare for the test and get the best score you can. During the session, you will go over test-specific skills, actual test problems, and attack strategies. This can be done in one sitting or in multiple sittings; the online service will automatically save your place.

Getting Started:

- 1) Go to the MCPS home page and click on "For Students":
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/students/>
- 2) Look to the left, and click on the Final Prep icon →
- 3) This will bring you to the "Online Study Guide" where you can log in.
- 4) The first time you log in, you will need to refer to the list and type in your school's code. From then on you will only need your id number as your password.
- 5) Password = your six digit MCPS student ID #.
- 6) From here, click on "Final Prep for the SAT" or "Final Prep for the ACT." Completion will take about 2 ½ hours, but you can break it up at your convenience.



Final Arrangements for *Final Prep*

Montgomery County Public Schools and Triumph College Admissions (TCA) have partnered to bring *Final Prep* to all December and January SAT and ACT test-takers this year. *Final Prep* is one component of an Online PSAT/SAT/ACT Preparatory Service offered by Triumph College Admissions. This part of the test preparation program takes approximately 2 – 2 ½ hours. It is designed for students to review test-taking strategies specific to each test, sample questions in subtests, and ways to attack those questions. It can be done all at once or in multiple settings where the student's place will be automatically saved each time. Students go to their high school's home page, click on the TCA 24/7 web link, and are taken to a log-in screen. At this point, they enter their 6-digit MCPS student id numbers and can begin working.

There are some logistics to consider for this to happen.

- 1) Know who is taking the SAT in December and January.
 - Take advantage of DocuShare, but don't rely on it completely. Talk with students, complete surveys in English classes, take advantage of guidance counselors' expertise.
- 2) Gather class schedules of all students taking the SAT.
- 3) Develop a pull-out schedule based on electives, student aide periods, and/or alternating periods, so as to minimally impact instruction.
- 4) Reserve computer labs for *Final Prep* use for the designated dates and periods.
- 5) Arrange for staff supervision in the lab during these periods. This is not labor intensive. Once students have logged in and are working on *Final Prep*, the students are self-sufficient. In many schools that already have the program in place, labs are staffed by teachers who volunteer during planning periods, instructional assistants, or parent volunteers.
- 6) Be sure all students who will be participating in *Final Prep* have in-house logins in order to get onto the computers.
- 7) Have lists/binders/on-line access to computer login codes as well as student id codes available to the lab staff so students will be able to login to computers and the TCA website.

It is the MCPS expectation that all students taking the SAT be given time during the school day to complete *Final Prep* for the SAT. However, all students taking the ACT should also be given the student flyer so that they can complete *Final Prep* for the ACT on their own.

TCA help line is available Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, at 800-233-4728 ext. 5

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