



Test Prep Roadmap

# Your Test Prep Guide to Top US & UK University Admissions

For Grade 9-12 Students



# Test Prep Timeline

## (Grades 9–12 | Years 10-13)

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**GRADE 9 / YEAR 10**

**Build Foundation**

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**GRADE 10 / YEAR 11**

**Start Preparing: PSAT, IELTS/TOEFL Diagnostic**  
**Begin University Research**

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**GRADE 11 / YEAR 12**

**Peak Testing: SAT/ACT, IELTS/TOEFL, AP**

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**GRADE 12 / YEAR 13**

**Final Attempts: Retakes & Score Submission**



GRADE 9 / YEAR 10

## Build Foundation

### Focus :

- Prioritize a strong GPA and solid study habits over standardized testing
- Read consistently to build vocabulary and reading comprehension
- Explore extracurriculars to build a well-rounded profile early

### Recommended Tests :

None yet. This year is about foundation, not testing.

#### Key Tip :

*Resist the urge to start test prep too early. Time spent now on reading habits and academics pays off directly when structured SAT prep begins in Grade 10.*



GRADE 10 / YEAR 11

## Start Preparing

### Focus :

- Begin structured SAT/ACT preparation
- Complete an IELTS/TOEFL diagnostic to identify starting English level
- Start researching universities and their admission requirements

### Recommended Tests :

- PSAT (take it if your school offers it)
- IELTS/TOEFL Diagnostic

#### Key Tip :

*The PSAT is a diagnostic tool, not a scored milestone. One attempt is sufficient. Convert your PSAT score to an estimated SAT score and use the result to plan your SAT prep, not to stress over the score.*

## Execute Your Testing Strategy

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GRADE 11 / YEAR 12

# The Primary Testing Year

### Focus :

- This is peak testing season.
- Take an online mock SAT/ACT test first, take the SAT/ACT, take TOEFL/IELTS early to leave room for a retake, and take AP exams or A-levels for completed coursework
- Build a balanced college list alongside testing

### Recommended Tests :

#### SAT:

**First attempt :** August

**Retake :** October, December, March (if needed)

Ideally, all SAT testing is completed within Grade 11.

#### IELTS/TOEFL:

##### Two recommended testing windows:

- January–February
- Summer before Grade 12

International students should generally avoid taking the IELTS or TOEFL more than twice.

#### AP Exams:

May of Grade 11 is ideal, for subjects where coursework is already complete.

#### Key Tip :

*Aim to finish all SAT testing within Grade 11. This frees up Grade 12 entirely for essays, recommendations, and applications instead of more testing.*

*For students targeting the UK, admissions are primarily based on your school curriculum (A-Levels/IB). The critical standardized testing hurdle for international UK applicants is the IELTS, alongside specialized university admissions exams (like the UCAT or TMUA) depending on your major.*

## Execute Your Testing Strategy

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GRADE 12 / YEAR 13

# Final Attempts Only

### Focus :

- Retake the SAT/ACT/IELTS/TOEFL only if scores don't yet meet the target or would meaningfully strengthen the application
- Submit official scores ahead of university deadlines
- Shift primary energy to essays, recommendation letters, and applications

### Recommended Tests :

- Retakes only, as needed. Avoid excessive retesting.
- Some AP exams or A-Levels may be taken in Grade 12 if the coursework was not completed in Grade 11.

### Key Tip :

*More retakes isn't always better. If your score already meets the target range, that time is better spent polishing your application.*

## EduSmith Can Help at Every Stage

### GRADE

### How EduSmith Helps

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Grammar Foundations of SAT  
Free Mock SAT online and on-site test (by EduSmith)

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Grammar Foundations of SAT  
SAT Comprehensive  
Private IELTS/TOEFL/SAT

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SAT Comprehensive / SAT Summer Intensive  
SAT Advanced  
SAT Test & Review  
Private IELTS/TOEFL/SAT

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SAT Advanced  
SAT Test & Review  
Private IELTS/TOEFL/SAT for Final, Targeted Retakes

# EduSmith Can Help at Every Stage

## Course details

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### **Grammar Foundations of SAT** 22,500 THB / Total 25 hours (for RW 450 and lower)

- Summer-only course, builds all grammar base before formal SAT prep starts
- Teaches the logic behind each rule instead of rote memorization — students learn why, not just what

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### **SAT Comprehensive** 22,500 THB / Total 21 hours (for RW 450–650)

- Covers every topic tested in the Reading & Writing section: reading comprehension and grammar & punctuation mastery
- Learn crucial pacing and time-management techniques to ensure peak performance on test day
- Runs year-round on a fixed Sunday schedule, easy to plan around school terms
- Includes two tests during the course

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### **SAT Summer Intensive** 29,000 THB / Total 27 hours (for RW 450–650)

- Same content as SAT Comprehensive
- The summer track adds extra class hours, ideal for students who want to fast-track their preparation before Grade 11 testing begins
- Includes two tests during the course

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### **SAT Advanced** 16,500 THB / Total 15 hours (for RW 650+)

- Uses original materials designed in-house, including a strategic pre-test and 2 mock exams built to mirror the real adaptive digital SAT
- Includes two tests during the course

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### **SAT Test & Review** 7,200 THB / Total 6 hours (for RW 650+)

*\*Only for students who studied SAT Comprehensive / SAT Summer Intensive with EduSmith or scored RW 650+*

- Integrated Test-and-Review Format: students take the test before every class
- The program highlights an exceptional list of recent student results (including a perfect 1600 and multiple scores between 1560 and 1590)

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### **Private IELTS/TOEFL/SAT**

- One-on-one, so pacing matches the student's actual level
- Fully customized to whichever single score is still below the university's requirement
- Flexible scheduling around application deadlines and school commitments

# Where are you now?

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I'm in Grade 9 / Year 10 → *Start building your academic foundation*

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I'm in Grade 10 / Year 11 → *Begin structured SAT and English preparation*

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I'm in Grade 11 / Year 12 → *Focus on achieving your target scores*

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I'm in Grade 12 / Year 13 → *Finalize testing and strengthen your application*

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