

## **TEST PREP RESOURCES**

**Child Study Institute** (Bryn Mawr College 101 N. Merion Ave )

[www.brynmawr.edu/csi/](http://www.brynmawr.edu/csi/)

610-526-5600

**Services Offered:**

- Individual tutoring only- no group classes
- Focus on content
- Actual instruction with some test taking strategies
- No practice tests

**Cost:**

- \$75/hr. – weekly sessions

**Additional Information:**

- Over 60 years of test prep experience
- All tutors are certified teachers or reading specialists
- Focus is on instruction
- Practice tests are not part of the tutoring program

**CMS Learning Strategists** (203 W. Chestnut Street West Chester)

[www.thelearninglady.org](http://www.thelearninglady.org)

484-678-9191

christy@thelearninglady.org

**Services Offered:**

- Individualized SAT and ACT test prep
- College planning services (assistance with resume building, navigating the college search process, planning college entrance exam testing, writing the essay/personal statement, how to make the best of college fairs, interviews, and visits)
- Literacy and study skills instruction

**Cost:**

- Rates vary depending on type of services needed
- 30 minute initial consultation visit is free

**Additional Information:**

- Students who commit to the recommended 30-minute daily prep and practice see up to 300 point increase on the SAT and an average of 5 point increase on the ACT
- Christy Silva has been the sole proprietor in SAT/ACT exam prep for eleven years
- References available upon request

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## **Delaware County Community College** (Exton, Media, Westgrove)

[www.dccc.edu/community-education-and-training/course-descriptions](http://www.dccc.edu/community-education-and-training/course-descriptions) (“non-credit division of current course listings)

### **Services Offered:**

- SAT Prep

### **Cost:**

- Math, Verbal/Reading Comprehension: \$179
- Writing: \$115

### **Additional Information:**

- SAT Prep has been available for 18 years
- Tutors are all employees of the community college

## **Educational Services Standardized Test Preparation** (Wayne, ChaddsFord, Wyndmoor)

Wayne: (610) 687-0627   Wyndmoor: (215) 233-4555   Chadds Ford Office: (610) 444-3771

### **Services Offered:**

- Complementary Consultations
- One-to-one tutoring
- SAT/ACT Diagnostic Test
- Full PSAT/SAT/ACT Course & Practice Tests
- SAT Subject Test
- College Essays
- Academic Tutoring

### **Cost:**

- SAT or ACT a la carte \$220/hr
- SAT or ACT Silver Course – 18 hrs \$3590 (Guaranteed increase 4 points on the ACT or 100 points on the SAT)
- SAT or ACT Gold Course – 24 hrs \$4690 (Guaranteed increase of 5 points on the ACT or 150 points the SAT)

### **Additional Information:**

- Main Line Parent LOVE Award 2016 – Best SAT and College Prep, 2016 Readers’ Choice Best of the Main Line Media News – Best Educational Services, Best of Philly 2008 Best SAT Tutors
- Average for 2,732 students last year was +150 increase on the SAT and +4 points on the ACT
- 48 years in business
- All instructors are college educated and have been teaching for Educational Services for more than 8 years.

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## **Huntington Learning Center** (King of Prussia – 190-192 East DeKalb Pike)

<http://huntingtonhelps.com/page/exam-prep/>

484- 674-4780

### **Services Offered:**

- ACT, SAT, PSAT, AP Subject tests, and SAT subject tests
- All test prep is individual

### **Cost:**

- Rates vary, but average is \$74/hr
- Each session is about two hours, but students can buy blocks of hours based on need

### **Additional Information:**

- Huntington Learning Center has been in business for about 36 years
- The King of Prussia office has been open for about 15 years
- Subject tutoring is offered in most subject, study skills, and writing
- Huntington Learning Center offers weekday hours until 8:00pm and weekend hours

## **Ivy Bound** (In-Home or On-Line)

[www.ivybound.net](http://www.ivybound.net) 860-666-3999 or Toll-Free 877-IVY-BOUND

### **Services Offered:**

- Private tutoring, semi-private tutoring, and group classes
- AP Tests, SAT, ACT, and all SAT Subject Tests
- Semi-academic help: Speedy-reading, Study skills, Latin, Robotics, Vocabulary/grammar, and “Mathetarium”

### **Cost:**

- Online classes: \$650 for Math and Reading prep – including all Ivy Bound materials
- Face-to-face: SAT Math and CR as low as \$360 for a large group (25+) and as high as \$1,350 for a small group (4 or 5 students)
- Private tutoring can range from \$450-1,350 plus an hourly tutoring fee ranging from \$60-\$250/hr. Students typically sign up for 25-45 hrs. for SAT and 10-15 hrs. for ACT.

### **Additional Information:**

- Average increase on SAT following test prep - 171.1 points
- Been in business since 2001.
- All ACT and SAT tutors scored in top 2% score on either ACT, SAT,LSAT, or GMAT

## **Ivy Experience** (Great Valley Community Organization GVCO – Malvern)

[www.ivyexperience.com](http://www.ivyexperience.com) 267-888-6489

### **Services Offered:**

- SAT/ACT test prep
- College Essay Consulting
- College Application Consulting

### **Cost:**

- \$90/hour in-home tutoring – (\$81/hour GVCO discount for all GVHS families)
- Essay writing and college applications quoted on an individual basis

### **Additional Information:**

- Offer in-home or off-site tutoring (at location of student's choosing)
- Been in business since August 2010
- All tutors graduated from an Ivy league undergraduate or graduate program or other college/university
- All tutors trained by Ivy Experience Directors (Ivy League Graduates)
- Work in collaboration with GVCO for more than three years

## **Kaplan Learning Center** (Several Test Prep Locations in Our Area)

[www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com) 1-800-527-8378

### **Services Offered:**

- AP, PSAT, SAT, SAT Subject, ACT test prep
- Also subject specific tutoring

### **Cost:**

- Varies by service. Email or call for quote

### **Additional Information:**

- Statistics available for families (offer score increase guarantee)
- Students can repeat the course until score goal is reached
- 75 years in test prep business
- Tutors must score in the 95% on the assessment they are teaching

## **MJ Testprep** (Bryn Mawr)

[www.mjtestprep.com](http://www.mjtestprep.com)

610- 525- 2840

[mjtestprep@mjtestprep.com](mailto:mjtestprep@mjtestprep.com)

### **Services Offered:**

- Individual and group instruction
- PSAT,SSAT, ISSE, SAT, ACT, all subject tests, all AP tests, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT

### **Cost:**

- \$120- \$400/hr.

### **Additional Information:**

- Skype sessions available
- Overall average score increase between 350-400 points
- 12 years in business
- All tutors have attended Ivy League colleges or their equivalent
- Average number of years experience for senior tutors is 17 years, and 5 years for associate tutors
- Received the “Best of Philly” Award in 2013 and 2011
- “Best of Mainline for the last several years

## **Princeton Review** (Several test prep locations in our area)

[www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)

1-888-247-7737 x5363

[Kmcguinn@review.com](mailto:Kmcguinn@review.com)

### **Services Offered:**

- AP, PSAT, SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Tests & Academic Tutoring

### **Cost:**

- SAT/ACT Fundamentals (18 hrs. of instruction & 4 proctored tests): \$599
- SAT/ACT Ultimate (30 hrs. of instruction & 4 proctored tests): \$999
- PSAT Classroom (12 hrs. of instruction): \$399
- \*\*All students from Great Valley High School receive a 10% discount on prep courses!

### **Additional Information:**

- Private tutoring sessions held in students’ homes, online, University City office, or other convenient location
- Average score improvement for the SAT Fundamentals course is 291 points
- All preparatory courses come with a money-back guarantee!
- Founded in 1981: 33 years
- Instructors score in the minimum 95<sup>th</sup> percentile on the SAT or ACT
- Attend over 50 hours of SAT/ACT classroom training led by a Master Trainer (Top tier tutors with 10+ years of experience) and are then evaluated by a panel of top tier tutors and staff.
- Flexible course options and rigorous and predictive practice tests

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## **Single Step SAT Prep** (Bayard Rustin High School 1100 Shiloh Rd, West Chester)

[www.singlestepsat.com](http://www.singlestepsat.com)

### **Services Offered:**

- SAT Prep: Classes and individual tutoring
- Individual sessions: Paul Girone's home

### **Cost:**

- Classes: \$165 per section
- Individual sessions: \$60/hr.

### **Additional Information:**

- Founded by Paul Girone – GVHS English Teacher
- 25+ years in business
- Individual sessions: Paul Girone's home
- Approximately 140 point increase based on feedback
- All tutors are certified teachers with Masters degrees
- Prep occurs 3 weeks prior to scheduled test dates
- 2-3 hour sessions of reading and writing
- 2-3 hour sessions for math
- All classes are scheduled from 7:00-9:00pm

## **Study Point** (Multiple Locations)

[www.studypoint.com](http://www.studypoint.com) (1-877-STUDYPOINT) 1-877-883-9764 ext. 675

### **Services Offered:**

- ACT/SAT tutoring, SAT 2, AP tests, College essay writing, academic tutoring, and study skills
- 3 options: 30 hour, 24 hour, and 18 hour packages

### **Cost:**

- About \$115/hr which includes materials, practice tests, customized homework
- You can pick the tutor and have a personal program manager that assists with college planning
- 30 day refund if you are not happy

### **Additional Information:**

- In-home tutoring company, but school or library is also an option
- Average of 3-6 point ACT score increase
- More than 13 years in business
- All tutors are college graduates with 2-3 years of teaching and/or tutoring experience
- Tutors must score in the highest percentiles on the tests they are tutoring and go through internal training as well.
- Online (Skype) live lessons are available and can be more cost effective

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