



International School Bangkok

## SAT / ACT Preparation

At ISB many of our students take the SAT or ACT tests during their Junior or Senior year to support their university application where needed. This is a part of their application process and goes hand-in-hand with their choice of courses, academic transcript, letters of recommendation and associated application essays. To support ISB students in their quest to obtain the best results in these exams we have researched the range of options available.

All students take the PSAT (Practice SAT test) during their Junior year. On the bottom of each student's PSAT answer sheet is a code for My College Quick Start where students can:

- See their scores and their project SAT score
- Review questions they got wrong and why
- Practice SAT with hundreds of practice questions

ISB Counseling Team recommends:

“The best preparation for the SAT / ACT is a rigorous High School curriculum, extensive reading and taking **real time** SAT / ACT practice tests”

All students in ISB High School use the Naviance program to track their university applications and this database now includes a recently purchased new module to assist students to practice SAT/ACT style questions. The module is called PrepMe™ and can be accessed free of charge through your Naviance login.

### **PrepMe™ through NAVIANCE**

It is a on-line learning program that provides a platform that adapts to the strengths and weaknesses of the individual and has over 60 hours of multimedia lessons and 4 full-length practice tests. From their website <http://www.prepme.com> they state:

*“PrepMe is a personalized, adaptive learning solution that allows students to focus on the skills needed to maximize their SAT, and/or ACT scores. PrepMe gives schools the ability to deliver individualized test prep and skill-building tools that meets the unique needs of each student.”*

### **College Board (SAT)** <http://www.collegeboard.org/>

The College Board, who run the SAT tests has an extensive website that supports students in their preparation. Below are some of the options.

#### **Question of the Day**

Get The Official SAT Question of the Day™ e-mailed daily.

#### **Sample Practice Questions**

Got skills? Test them with practice questions in math, reading, writing and SAT Subject Tests™.

#### **Free Practice Test**

The only place to take a full-length official SAT from the test-maker — and get your scores right away.

#### **The Official SAT Study Guide with DVD™**

Get 11 official tests and exclusive practice tools from the test maker.

#### **The Official SAT Online Course™**

Sign up, and you get 10 online tests, 18 interactive lessons and personalized essay scoring.



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**ACT** <http://www.actstudent.org/>

The ACT test has recently matched the SAT for students applying to university with these results.

### **ACT Online Prep**

The only test preparation program designed exclusively by ACT test development professionals!

### **The Real ACT Prep Guide**

The **official** ACT prep guide—the only one that includes five actual retired ACT tests—each with an optional Writing Test.

### **ACT Question of the Day**

Each day we post a new ACT Test practice question.

### **Preparing for the ACT**

A free student preparation booklet is available from our HS Counselors office —includes test information, complete practice tests with scoring keys, and a writing prompt with sample essays.

**Online Free Resources** can be found at:

INeedAPencil

<http://ineedapencil.ckl2.org/>

Number2.com

<http://www.number2.com/>

ProProfs

<http://www.proprofs.com/sat/>

**Online Paid Providers** of SAT test preparation, utilizing a range of web 2.0 tools include:

ArborBridge

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

Test Rocker

<http://www.testrocker.com/>

**SAT Preparation Schools** exist in Bangkok and they offer a variety of services. A couple of such companies are:

### **Top Scholars**

<http://www.topscholars.org/top-scholar-new/students-parents/>

<http://www.facebook.com/topscholarsbkk>

### **The Princeton Review**

<http://www.tprthailand.com/>

### **Kaplan**

**ISB Counselors** have a wealth of experience supporting students and families as they navigate the complexities of university applications across the globe. They would recommend taking a few minutes to read the following articles before making a decision on which of the previous test preparation strategies is appropriate for your circumstance.

### **10 Things Test-Prep Services Won't Tell You**

<http://www.smartmoney.com/borrow/student-loans/10-things-testprep-services-wont-tell-you-1301943701454/>

### **Value of College-Admissions Test-Prep Classes Unclear**

[http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/02/24/22sat-act\\_ep.h30.html?tkn=XVLFpBlriH/g8S0b4rFEIHjd%2BZ%2B2AG7Ilg7bq&cmp=clp-edweek&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed:+EducationWeekWidgetFeed+%28Education+Week:+Free+Widget+Feed%29](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/02/24/22sat-act_ep.h30.html?tkn=XVLFpBlriH/g8S0b4rFEIHjd%2BZ%2B2AG7Ilg7bq&cmp=clp-edweek&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+EducationWeekWidgetFeed+%28Education+Week:+Free+Widget+Feed%29)

**Important Note:** ISB does not recommend any individual SAT preparation company and maintains this list to assist students and families to make an informed decision about the most appropriate course of action when preparing for SAT or ACT tests.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your counselor.

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