

College Writing Skills – 2010-2011
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My college prep class will allow students to prepare for the SAT/ACT tests (critical reading and writing sections) as well as to learn effective writing techniques for the essay sections for college admission and scholarship applications. During September and the first half of October, class assignments will revolve around learning strategies for taking the SAT/ACT tests and practicing those strategies by taking timed sections of those tests as homework assignments. Vocabulary work will begin immediately with the first class, and tests will be given on a weekly basis. Essay questions will be assigned which are similar to those given on the actual tests. Grammar lessons will be incorporated as needed in teaching for SAT prep and for writing at the college level. During the fall semester, students will prepare essays for college admissions' officers as well as for scholarship applications.

A crucial part in the writing process is understanding the various types of sentences and sentence openers, the "shapes" of paragraphs, and the structure of the essay itself, which is the foundation of all college writing. Students will also be exposed to various ways to plan, or pre-write essays, thus making the process more efficient and less threatening. Essays are shared in class during our read-aloud time, and this time is one of my favorites as we all get better acquainted with each another through such regular sharing. A binder is required to help students keep their work organized. The information is on my website. All assignments and handouts will appear on my website on a weekly basis, so there is no excuse for missing assignments due to absences.

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My class tuition is **\$60 per month per student** if you are paying monthly. Family discounts may apply. There is also a nice discount if you pay for the first semester at registration and the entire second semester in January. A further discount applies if you pay for the whole year in August. See the chart below for the discounted amounts.

I will order the books for you and will use and distribute **additional copies of supplementary material throughout the year as needed. The class book use/supply fee is \$100 per student** to cover the writing, grammar, and vocabulary materials to be distributed on the first day of class. This year, the books will be a classroom set that the students will use during the year and return at the end of May. The \$50 supply fee portion of the \$100 is not refundable.

Tuition Discounts: Basically, paying the semester or yearly fee gives you one month free.

	monthly payments (9)	semester payments (2)	1 yearly payment
1 student/class	\$60 each month	\$240 (Aug. & Jan.)	\$480 (Aug.)
2 students/classes	\$110 each month	\$450 (Aug. & Jan.)	\$900 (Aug.)
3 students/classes	\$150 each month	\$608 (Aug. & Jan.)	\$1,216 (Aug.)