

Winter 2023 Course Catalog



Winter Break is Coming!

Winter break is an excellent opportunity for students to reflect on the challenges of the fall and get a jump-start on the upcoming semester! Our team of teaching experts has put together a set of fun and engaging courses to make the most of the school break.

This year, students can:

- Get a head start on AP exam preparation
- Prepare for the SAT, ACT, or another standardized test
- Build core study skills and test-taking strategies
- Explore topics that go above and beyond school curriculum

All of our courses are offered in-person and virtually, so students can join from anywhere in the world. Give us a call today at **(650) 331-3251** to collaborate on a program for your student!



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Mid-Year AP Exam Prep

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Improve your students' college apps with high scores on AP tests, scores that are measured against an objective standard and respected by colleges everywhere!



Students who start AP prep early have more opportunities to:

- Master more advanced skills needed for free-response questions
- Get better grades on class tests and final exams that feature AP-style questions
- Understand strengths and weaknesses to promote more effective studying

Mid-year AP prep starts with three to four 1-on-1 sessions and can be expanded depending on the student's needs and goals.

Winter HSPT Boot Camp

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Many private schools are hosting their HSPTs in mid-to-late January this year. That means there's still time to prepare!



This course highlights the most important strategies for success on the HSPT. We'll talk about test-taking techniques for every section, and students will take a practice exam to gain test-day experience.

Course topics include:

- Section-specific strategies
- Targeted content review
- Timing strategies
- Personalized techniques to maximize score increases

Academic Core Enrichment Courses

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Mathematics



This 1-on-1 Academic Core Enrichment (ACE) course is tailored to the student's skill level to provide the rigor necessary to improve students' math skills in a short period of time.

Our program focuses on:

- Solidifying foundational concepts
- Developing concrete problem solving strategies
- Learning how to think like mathematicians and not calculators
- Building confidence and skills

Though appropriate for students at any level, both those looking for challenges and struggling to keep pace, this program is especially valuable for providing students with a solid foundation and confidence.

Academic Core Enrichment Courses

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English Grammar



This 1-on-1 Academic Core Enrichment (ACE) grammar course improves the student's use of grammar by focusing on two core themes: structure and agreement.

Our program focuses on:

- Sentence structure
- Punctuation
- Subject-verb agreement
- Pronoun agreement
- Style

This course supplements students' innate "ear" for grammar with core rules and strategies for correct usage to allow students to improve the mechanics of their written assignments and spoken presentations.

Academic Core Enrichment Courses

Study Skills



Our 1-on-1 Academic Core Enrichment (ACE) study skills program focuses on:

- Time Management
- Note Taking
- Memorization
- Application
- Test Preparation

Improving study skills is helpful for all age levels, but especially for students who are at a point of transition or who are not achieving the results they want with their current strategies. Students will leave the course with a Study Skills Toolkit that they can use to adapt their study habits over time.

Interview Workshop

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Many private schools, leadership opportunities, and jobs require an interview as a step in the process, but most students have never had to practice for one before!



This 1-on-1 workshop teaches students the most important behaviors that lead to a successful interview, including:

- Talking about themselves with confidence
- Asserting themselves in conversations
- Approaching a group interview vs. a 1-on-1 interview

Over the course of four sessions, students will review group interview dynamics, professionalism tips, strength discussions, and research best practices. At the end of the workshop, students will participate in a 1-on-1 mock interview with detailed feedback.

Writing Sample/Analytical Thinking Exercise Workshop

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Private high schools require a proctored writing sample as part of their application process. Students applying to private middle schools also need to complete an analytical thinking exercise.



This 1-on-1 workshop teaches students how to write a successful essay within time pressures; it also covers the analytical thinking exercise for middle school applicants. We'll go over:

- Brainstorming
- Structure and organization
- Content and analysis
- Proofreading
- Timing strategies

Responding to an unknown under time constraints requires different skills other than just strong writing. This 6-hour workshop takes students through those strategies and helps them present their best work with minimal stress.

5th Grade Math Booster



Build foundations while peeking ahead in the curriculum!
Students taking this 1-on-1 workshop will solidify foundations, review some tricky fall math topics, and preview core concepts they'll see in the spring.

Course topics include:

- Multiplication review and order of operations
- Word problems with whole numbers
- Place value and decimals
- Intro to algebra
- Fractions and ratios
- Coordinate grids

8th Grade Math Booster



Help your student keep math skills fresh with this two-week bootcamp. Students taking this 1-on-1 workshop will build math foundations and review tricky fall topics before previewing core concepts they'll see in the spring.

Topics include:

- Exponent rules
- Distributive property
- Rules for fractions and negative numbers
- Solving algebraic equations
- Functions
- Graphing and $y = mx + b$



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Test Prep Tutoring

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Our test prep programs cover test-taking skills like timing, guessing strategy, and question interpretation!



Based on students' performance on their first practice tests, we also pinpoint content gaps and teach valuable concepts they may have missed in school.

Preparation is available for the following exams:

- High school entrance exams (ISEE, SSAT, & HSPT)
- SAT
- PSAT
- ACT
- GMAT
- GRE
- MCAT

Academic Tutoring

Our academic tutoring programs are customized for each individual student, whether they are struggling to keep up or eager to get ahead!



Courses include (but are not limited to):

- Elementary and Middle School (K-8) courses
- Math (Pre-Algebra through Advanced Calculus)
- English
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Environmental Science
- Spanish and French
- History (US, European, and World)
- Government
- Macro- and Microeconomics
- Psychology
- Computer Science

For-Credit High School and AP Courses



AJ Tutoring is proud to partner with High Bluff Academy to offer 1-on-1 and small-group WASC-accredited courses in select subjects!



These courses fulfill A-G requirements for high school graduation and college admission and are tailored to the student's needs.

The program offers convenience, accessibility, and an individually-tailored learning pace to support students from various backgrounds:

- Students looking to advance to a higher-level course
- Students who do better in a 1-on-1 setting
- Students trying to recover course credit

For-credit courses are limited to select subjects and depend on whether your student's high school will accept outside courses for credit, but we're here to help you navigate the process. For details, email forcredit@ajtutoring.com.