

Studyworks' SSAT



Course Brochure

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What is the SSAT?

The SSAT is an acronym for Secondary School Admission Test and is a test students take when applying for private boarding schools in America and Canada.

Who can take the test?

Students who are in 5th grade to 7th grade take the lower level test, and students who are in 8th grade to 11th grade take the upper level test.

Who can take the Studyworks course?

Most of our students come to us when they are in the 7th or 8th grade as they intend to start high school at their new boarding school. As such, our course is tailored for students taking the upper level test. However, students who are in the lower level grades may also find it beneficial to attend our course. For example, the only difference between the math at lower and upper level is that at the upper level, students are required to know algebra.

Why choose Studyworks?

Studyworks is an American company that has prepared thousands of students for tests such as the SAT 1, SAT 2, ACT, TOEFL and SSAT. It was founded in 1975 by Miles Fulton Pewitt and today has over thirty offices in the USA. In Singapore, we have tutored many students from international schools who have gone on to excellent boarding schools such as Andover, Phillips Exeter, Choate, and Stevenson. We have the experience and expertise to help your child improve his or her test taking ability.

Here's what our students and parents say about our SSAT course:

"Studyworks provided excellent in-depth SSAT prep for my daughter. The program is comprehensive and covers all areas of the test. The instructors truly cared and zeroed-in on individual areas that needed work. I can wholeheartedly endorse Studyworks for SSAT prep – it works!"

-- Gordon Kirtland

"This is Michelle Wiryadi. I got 2193 for the November 8 SSAT test! Thank you for your help! The course was really helpful."

-- Michelle Wiryadi

"Here's the breakdown of my scores – straight from SSAT! Verbal 800 (Percentile 99%), Math 773 (Percentile 84%), Reading 716 (Percentile 88%). Total Score: 2289 (Percentile 97%). Thank you!"

-- Alex H.

"Hi Vera, my score was 2340, within the 99th percentile. I'm really happy with my score. Thank you so much! 😊"

-- Tansy Lee

What will my child learn?

There will be a total of eight lessons of two hours each. One hour will be devoted to Math and one hour to Verbal. We will cover reading comprehension, poetry analysis, essay writing skills, prefixes and roots, and analogies and synonyms. For math, a great deal of the lesson will be spent on problem solving using challenging questions in the areas of fractions, frequency and sequences, ratio and proportion, geometry, and algebra.

Please note that on the first day of class, your child will be given an extremely long vocabulary list. It is very important that one parent studies with the child and quizzes him or her frequently during the week. One quarter of the test is devoted to synonyms and analogies, and a strong vocabulary is essential to do well on this verbal section. All the strategies in the world will not help if a child's vocabulary is very weak. Therefore, it is imperative that a parent helps the child during this period as there will not be enough time for us to test all the vocabulary. In addition, a parent's show of support and interest in a child's learning can do wonders in terms of emotional and mental encouragement.

How much homework will my child get?

Each time your child comes to our center, he or she will receive both math and verbal homework that should take about one hour each to complete.

Is my child ready for boarding school?

This is a very important question to ask. In our experience, the student must be willing and excited about going overseas to study. Parents usually have the child's best interests at heart, and think that studying in a boarding school will provide an excellent future for their child. However, the child may not feel the same way! Not wishing to dampen the parents' enthusiasm, a child may sometimes not express his/her reservations. It can be a very difficult and emotional task to uproot oneself, especially when he or she has already made good friends in school. *Students who are not willing to move may not perform as well on the course and test.* As a parent, we hope that you will discuss your child's education and future with him/her and provide appropriate emotional and psychological support.

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How long is the course?

The course is 21 hours long inclusive of all practice tests.

How much is the course?

The tuition is S\$1100. This includes all course materials. It does not include the test registration fee, which is payable directly to SSAT when you register for the test.

Where do I register for the course?

Fill out the registration form and fax it to us at 6468 6782 or visit <http://www.studyworks.com.sg/ssatreg.html>

Where do I register for the test?

Please register online at <http://www.ssat.org>

Parents: Please note that it is your responsibility to register for the test.

Can my child take the test in Singapore?

There is one test center in Singapore. Please visit the SSAT website for information on test dates and registration.

When is the next SSAT test?

For updated test dates, please visit <http://www.ssat.org>

Do you help with school applications?

Our expertise is in teaching the SSAT. If you require assistance with school selection, applications, etc., please let us know and we will refer you to a qualified professional.

Who are your teachers?

Vera has a Master of Applied Linguistics from the University of Leicester. Thye has a Master of Education from the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign. Both are full time teachers with Studyworks and have been teaching the SSAT since 2000.

Course Schedules for Academic Year 2009-2010

Session	Course start date (Practice test 1)	Class dates	SSAT official test dates
Session A	Oct 6, 2009 (Practice test 1)	Oct 8, 13, 20, 22, 27, 29, Nov 3, 5, 10 (No class during Fall break)	Nov 14, 2009
Session B	Nov 5, 2009 (Practice test 1)	Nov 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, Dec 1, 3, 8, 10 (No class on Thanksgiving Day)	Dec 12, 2009
Session C-intensive	By appointment before Dec 12, 2009 (Practice test 1)	Jan 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Jan 9, 2010 and Feb 6, 2010
Session D	Jan 28, 2010 (Practice test 1)	Feb 2, 4, 9, 11, 18, 23, 25, Mar 2, 4 (No class during CNY)	Mar 6, 2010
Session E	Mar 9, 2010 (Practice test 1)	Mar 11, 16, 18, 30, Apr 1, 6, 8, 13, 15 (no class during Spring break)	Apr 17, 2010
Session F	May 11, 2010 (Practice test 1)	May 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, Jun 1, 3, 8 and 10	Jun 12, 2010

Important

Please note that only ONE make-up lesson is allowed per course. Students must have a Medical Certificate to prove they were ill. The make-up is based on the availability of the tutor and is NOT guaranteed. Please note that during exam season, priority will be given to Juniors and Seniors taking their SAT or AP exams. We would appreciate it if students commit to all their lessons.

Course Syllabus during school term

	Day	Time	Module	
1	Thursday	4.30-7pm	Practice test 1	
			Math	Verbal
2	Tuesday	6-8pm	Intro to math format, Numbers and Operations	Reading Comprehension Lecture and vocab quiz A,B
3	Thursday	6-8pm	Algebra, Numbers and Operations tutorial	Reading Comprehension Lecture and vocab quiz C,D
4	Tuesday	6-8pm	Geometry, Algebra tutorial	Reading Comprehension Tutorial and vocab quiz E,F
5	Thursday	6-8pm	Data Analysis, Geometry tutorial	Reading Comprehension Tutorial and vocab quiz G,H,I
6	Tuesday	6-8pm	Data Analysis tutorial	Analogies Lecture and vocab quiz J,K,L,M
7	Thursday	6-8pm	Mixed Review 1 and 2	Analogies Tutorial and vocab quiz N,O,P
8	Tuesday	6-8pm	Mixed Review 3 and 4	Critical Reading and Verbal review and vocab quiz Q,R
9	Thursday	6-8pm	Mixed Review 5 and 6	Essay and vocab quiz S to Z
10	Tuesday	4.30-7pm	Practice test 2	
	Total number of hours	21 hours		

Intensive Course Syllabus

	Day	Time	Date	Module	
1	By appointment before 12 Dec 2009			Practice test 1	Vocabulary Home study A-Z
2	Mon	2.30-6.30pm	Jan 4, 2010	Intro to math format, Numbers and operations lecture and tutorial	Reading Comprehension Lecture and tutorial, Vocab quiz A - G
3	Tue	2.30-6.30pm	Jan 5, 2010	Algebra lecture and tutorial	Reading Comprehension tutorial, Vocab quiz H - P
4	Wed	2.30-6.30pm	Jan 6, 2010	Geometry lecture and tutorial	Analogies Lecture, Vocab Quiz Q - Z
5	Thur	2.30-6.30pm	Jan 7, 2010	Data Analysis lecture and tutorial	Analogies Tutorial
6	Fri	2.30-6.30pm	Jan 8, 2010	Mixed Review sets	Critical Reading and Verbal review
	Total number of hours	22.5 hours			

Registration for the Studyworks SSAT Course

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Cellphone: _____

Parent's Email: _____ Home Phone: _____

Student's Name: _____ Student's Cellphone: _____

Student's Email: _____ I/C or Passport No.: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Male / Female School: _____

Home Address: _____

Please Select One:

Session A: Oct 6, 2009

Session D: Jan 28, 2010

Session B: Nov 5, 2009

Session E: Mar 9, 2010

Session C: Dec 12, 2009

Session F: May 11, 2010

Please Select Payment Method:

Cash

Cheque

AMEX

Visa

Mastercard

Full payment of course fees: \$1100.00.

Please make check (cheque) payable to Studyworks Pte Ltd.

For credit card payments, please come to our office personally. ***Prior appointment is needed.***

I confirm I am registering my child for the Studyworks SSAT Course, and I have read and agree with the terms and conditions on the following page.

Signature

Today's Date

Please fax this form to 6468 6782 at least one week before the start of the session you wish to attend. Maximum intake is 15 students on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Terms and Conditions

Test Registration. Students are to register for the official SSAT test on their own and to choose their own test date based on the schedule of the test dates provided by SSAT. Ideally, students should register for the test and give themselves enough time to complete all classes at Studyworks.

Course Fee. The course fee includes all learning materials. Additional learning materials are not necessary and may be purchased at the student's own discretion.

Copyright Policy. All learning materials are copyright to Studyworks and their respective copyright owners, and photocopying/redistributing of all learning material is illegal. Video-recording, picture taking or audio recording of classes is strictly forbidden.

Refund and Cancellation Policy. For cancellation of registration less than 3 days before class starts, we will refund 85% and charge 15% as administrative fee. There will be no refund of course fees during the course, even if you discontinue due to unforeseen circumstances.

Make-ups. Due to the tight schedule, students are allowed only one make-up lesson if the student brings a medical certificate to prove he or she was sick. Make-up lessons are based on the tutors' availability. Please note that make-up lessons are difficult to schedule as all the tutors have full schedules.

Right of Refusal. Studyworks reserves the right to refuse admission to students for any Studyworks' course if the student is deemed unsuitable for the course and reserves the right not to disclose the reason(s) for refusal.

-End of terms and conditions-

