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A Message from the TRA Founder, Jamie Govoni Hobe



As we embark on our eighth summer at TRA, we are more excited than ever to offer this schedule of classes. Our diverse team of experts and teachers are passionate about bringing education to all learners using alternative methods, and summer is the best time to access new information in new ways! From résumé building to executive functioning to test preparation, TRA is teaching our students how to succeed as life long learners. To nurture your child's creative side, we are also offering classes such as: The Art of Relaxation, Introduction to Guitar, and Painting.

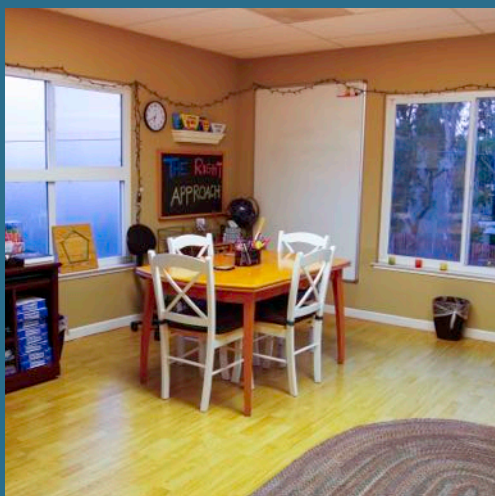
If you are interested in a particular subject area, please let us know your preferred dates and we will do our best to make it work! If you have a particular course in mind, but do not see it listed in our table of contents, please call **(650) 525-1583** or email **scheduleme@therightapproach-ed.com** to see if we can accommodate your needs.

Thank you, and we look forward to another wonderfully productive summer!

Warmly,

Jamie Govoni Hobe

The Right Approach to Education



TRA STAFF

FAMILIES SERVED:

600+



NUMBER OF STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO
1ST CHOICE HIGH SCHOOLS SINCE 2010

150+ Students



CERTIFIED TEACHERS & SPECIALISTS

math
science
reading comprehension
writing
digital media
foreign languages
standardized testing
social sciences
college application process
study skills



SAMPLE 1ST CHOICE HIGH SCHOOLS INCLUDE:

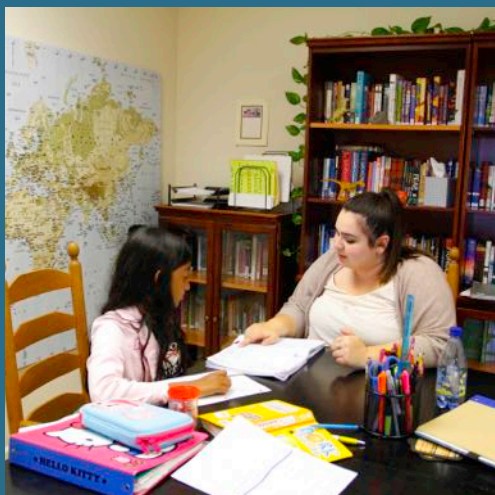
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Preparatory • Serra • Menlo School • St. Francis
St. Ignatius • Lick Wilmerding • Woodside Priory
Notre Dame • Nueva • Bellarmine • Waldorf



TRA Accomplishments Since 2010

About TRA

The Right Approach to Education provides Waldorf inspired 1-1 and small group tutoring to students in grades K-12 and beyond. We are a dedicated staff of credentialed teachers and specialists who work to understand the needs of each learner who walks through our doors. We integrate all learning styles and teach through movement, visual aids, music, and hands-on activities. This approach is so effective, we now work with students from over fifty Bay Area schools, and have helped over 600 families in not only academics, but also test preparation and education consultation.



Top/Down: TRA Student, Teaching Space, Teacher Tiffany with Student in Session, Teacher Kara Doing Kinesthetic Math with Student

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AVOIDING THE SUMMER LEARNING LOSS

KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN ACTIVE DURING THE SUMMER BREAK

BY JIMENA GUTIERREZ, M.A. EDUCATION, USC
JAMIE GOVONI HOBE, TRA FOUNDER

While summer is a great time to relax and take time off from school, there is a drawback for having too much downtime. We call this the “Summer Brain Drain!” Studies show that what students worked so hard to learn in school can be lost over summer- up to 20%. However, by staying active and being proactive, students can still have a great summer, while staying both sharp and prepared for the upcoming school year.

We recommend students make a plan to keep their minds active. This includes:

Setting personal goals

The key to success is knowing where to aim. For example, if a student wants to become a better writer, journaling for 20 minutes per day can create a wonderful habit that will, in turn, strengthen writing skills.

Reading the classics as well as your favorite authors

Check out a list of top ten classics, and choose one to read this summer. Note the rich vocabulary and imagery, and try adding new words to your lexicon!

Practicing standardized test preparation

If you have been hoping to increase your SAT or ACT scores, devise a study schedule, sign up for 1-1 sessions at TRA or gather a group of friends who share your motivation, and practice your way to the top!

Reconnecting to hobbies that elicit joy

Explore a passion that you may have ignored for a while. If you love robotics, attend a seminar, and if you are an artist, then look for local fairs, visit galleries, or organize your own exposition.

Exploring new learning arenas

We live in an era of apps where interactive learning platforms are at the tip of our fingers. Find people who share your interests on MeetUp, solve puzzles on WordBrain, and perhaps learn a new language using Duolingo. So, if vacation plans seem to interfere with camps, classes, or programs, think twice; there is always a way to keep learning.

Enjoying family time with mini-projects and discussions

Everyday activities such as cooking, grocery shopping, and conversations at the dinner table can work as plugs to keep knowledge from escaping.

How can parents support?

As parents, it is important to help children channel their imagination and energy in productive ways. For example, simply letting the little ones play, chatting with them about pictures they draw, as well as listening to their thoughts about their surroundings will help their communication skills tremendously. For older students, an invitation to participate in decision making can make an invaluable difference in the way they perceive responsibility. Teenagers need time and space to make connections, to feel empowered, and to continue exploring their interests. Engage them in conversations to find an internship, participate in volunteer opportunities, or even start small entrepreneurial ventures, such as organizing a dog sitting group to further encourage learning. Their own creativity will unleash the discovery of skills. When we are genuinely involved in the activities we perform, we are more likely to remember what we learn.

From TRA to Cal Poly

Gregory first came to TRA in the fall of 2015. Determined and hard-working, Gregory took full advantage of our test preparation and college application services. After months of practice and several sessions dedicated to learning and practicing test preparation strategies for the ACT, Gregory increased his score 12 points above his initial practice exam! Not only did Gregory immensely improve on his ACT, but also he succeeded in getting accepted to his top college choice – Cal Poly, SLO. Gregory’s story illustrates just how valuable the personalized approach at TRA is when it is matched with someone as dedicated as Gregory. Gregory explained that his success is in large part a direct result of TRA’s personalized approach to his learning style. Most importantly perhaps, Gregory articulates how he learned skills that will serve him well in any future endeavors.

Gregory Pantanzis



TRA Teacher Manuel Kernen & Gregory

TRA Student Testimonials

Lilly Johnson

A Future Writer & Filmmaker

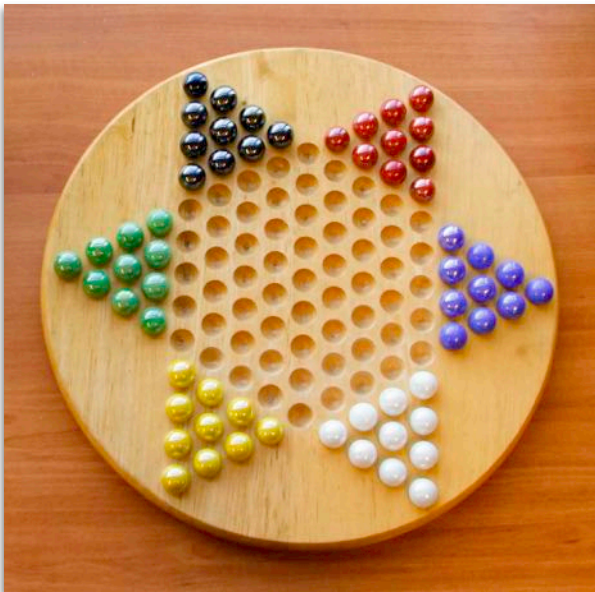
Since fall 2011, Woodside Priory High School Alumni, Lilly Johnson has been an active student at TRA. She initially came for help in HSPT, then as a junior, SAT test-taking strategies for all sections. Through her hard work and dedication to her education, she has integrated alternative teaching methodologies and guidance from TRA teachers into her studies and standardized test examinations. In spring of 2016, she confirmed her acceptance at Scripps College, a women’s school in Southern California which is part of the Claremont Colleges system. She currently studies film and English. Congrats Lilly! We at TRA are so proud of your accomplishments.



Lilly Johnson, Sophomore at Scripps College



TRA Teacher Jimena Teaching Visual Note-taking



SUMMER CLASSES AT TRA



TRA Teacher Francisca Teaching Art

Art

Painting 101

Everyone is an artist in his or her own way; sometimes one just needs to find the medium that works for him or her. This class is aimed at exposing students to a variety of different painting mediums including acrylic, watercolor, pastel, and more! Not only will students learn about different paint mediums and the famous artists who utilized them, but they will also explore each medium first hand. Students will be given the opportunity to immerse themselves in the painting medium of their choice and produce a masterpiece to take home and proudly display for all to see!

Perfect for students of all ages!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Stephanie O'Brien

Arts & Crafts

This course will have your child exploring their creative side with all different forms of crafts! Each day we will create something new and students will share their creation with their peers while reflecting on their creative processes. Students can also work together to create a group project.

Perfect for students of all ages!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Stephanie O'Brien

Intro to Photography

This is a crash course in the fundamentals of photography, beginning with the basic functions of the camera and compositional techniques, and gradually moving on to more advanced editing techniques. Any camera with manual controls will do, but a DSLR or small mirrorless camera (with manual controls) will allow students to get the most hands-on experience from this class.

Perfect for students of all ages!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Alexis Madayag

Advanced Digital Photography & Editing Using Adobe Lightroom

Develop your creative expression and learn the art of storytelling by shooting your own photos! In this introductory level course, students will explore their inner artists as photographers. Whether using a professional digital single-lens reflex, point and shoot camera, or even a smart phone, students will capture great artistic moments. We will teach basic photo composition, lighting, importance of proper color use, storytelling with photos, and point and shoot cameras features. There will be field trips in the surrounding area as well so students can learn to shoot subjects outside.

This class is perfect for students grade 7 and beyond.

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Alexis Madayag

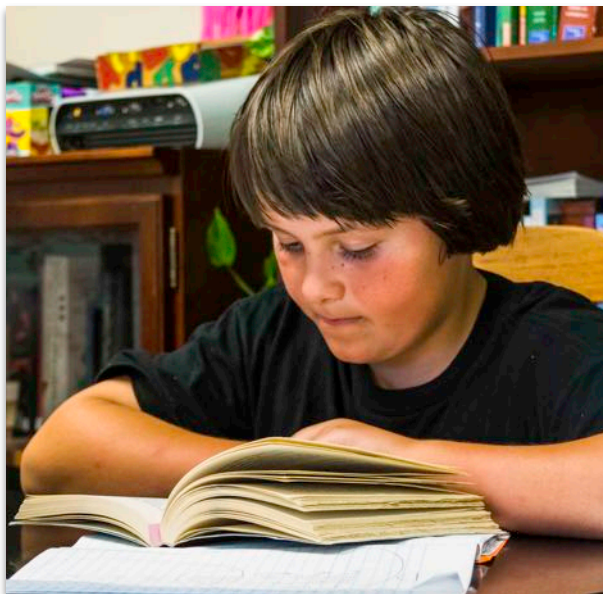
Digital Video Production

It doesn't take fancy equipment to create great films! The most important skill is kindling that creative spark and practicing narrative storytelling. Learn the various theories that Hollywood directors, photographers, actors, and editors use to create great videos and films. This isn't a lecture course, rather it entails doing experiments in image manipulation, sound editing, media performance and lighting. Students experience the process of creating media from concept to audience viewing.

Perfect for students in grade 8 or beyond.

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Alexis Madayag



TRA Student Reading in Session

Book Study

Classic Novel Book Study

Want an opportunity to dive into literature renowned for its adventure and life lessons? We will choose a classic novel during and engage in a variety of in-depth discussions and activities to analyze characters, interpret themes, and comprehend the author's intent. Such activities will include responding to text, peer/group in-depth discussions, and developing stronger comprehension skills. Our classic novel book study is the perfect opportunity to explore a genre that carries great depth and meaning, while connecting it to who we are today.

Perfect for students grades 5-8.

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Tiffany Lopez

Summer Book Study

Students will learn to read for meaning through engagement with challenging text. Through socratic discussion, they will practice their critical thinking and reasoning skills. We will choose a novel based on student grade level and interest and focus on character development, writing style, and universal themes. Students will also strengthen their vocabulary as it applies to each book and write short, yet rich analytical compositions that connect to the novel.

Perfect for students of all ages!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teachers: Tiffany Lopez, Stephanie O'Brien

Socratic Book Study: Through the Lens of History

Was George Washington really the man the legends make him out to be? Go beyond what you learned in your history textbooks by attending this class on events in history that you never knew happened. We will read and analyze books such as *Lies my Teacher Told Me*, by James W. Lowen, *You Can't Be Moving on a Neutral Train*, by Howard Zinn, *What if?* by Stephen Ambrose, et. al., and *Greatest Stories Never Told in History*, by Richard Beyer. Learn to be a better critical thinker through discussion and reflection on the various topics discussed. Class is organized as a symposium whereby students can voice their point of view in a healthy debate. Students will develop analytical skills, historical insight, presentation and speaking skills, as well as the ability to write essays with strong, compelling arguments.

Perfect for students in high school and beyond!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Alexis Madayag

High School Summer Reading

This intensive book study prepares students for the rigors of high school English. We will choose a classic novel (e.g. *Wuthering Heights*, *Ready Player One*, *The Great Gatsby*, or an equivalent summer reading book) and focus on character development, writing style, and universal themes. Students will analyze text for meaning, strengthen vocabulary, and write short, yet rich analytical compositions.

Perfect for students in high school!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Manuel Kernen



TRA's College Application Service

Just as life can take many twists and turns, so does a child's road to success. While the competitive nature of the Bay Area lends itself to the idea that students must attend top-ranked schools, such approaches may not ensure desired success. Rather finding success is, arguably, about finding a *personalized* path that allows a child to strive and grow into a well-rounded adult who is ready to take on the world. TRA's college application program offers a personalized approach to enable students to find and apply to the right colleges for them.

Through a process we call "the Kaleidoscope", we identify a list of colleges that are the best fit for each student. We then build a schedule to ensure that all personal statements and necessary paperwork are completed in a timely, organized, and low stress fashion. In the process, TRA ensures that all students become highly sought after candidates for all the colleges to which they seek acceptance. The program starts with three mandatory sessions of 1.5 hrs each.

The first three sessions establish a thorough plan of action which includes a:

- **Personal Kaleidoscope**
- **Top Colleges List**
- **Bridge to Acceptance**

Option 1: On the Go

This option provides 1-1 sessions at \$125 per hour as needed

Option 2: The Comprehensive Plan

This option allows students to complete up to fifteen college applications, and includes:

- Eighteen 1-1 tutoring hours
- Two hours of online revision work
- Two 45 minute conferences with both parents and the student
- Unlimited space for students to work on college applications independently here at TRA
- Weekly personalized email updates/suggestions to students and/or parents
- Additional sessions (if needed) are billed at a discounted rate of \$105/hour
- COST: \$2,350

“The goal of the program is to provide clients with the necessary tools to successfully apply to colleges that are the BEST FIT for them.”

- Manuel Kernen
Teacher & College Applications Specialist

From TRA to Pre-Law

“The teachers I worked with the most were Jamie and Angela. I had Angela for Pre-Calculus help and SAT Math and Science. Jamie helped me in my studying techniques, organizational skills, and SAT English and Reading Comprehension. I am the type of student who gets bored and unfocused very quickly and very easily, and my teacher were able to recognize this right off the bat. I really appreciated that they tailored their teaching style to fit my learning style, and it helped me become a better student.”

“TRA gave me all the tools I needed to succeed in both middle school and high school. Not only was I given amazing teachers, but also the mental support and encouragement I needed to achieve my academic goals.”

Samantha Perez

ASG Vice President, Santa Clara University

Samantha Perez



TRA Student Testimonials

Relationships as Building Blocks

As a student at Serra High School, Grant came to TRA hoping to boost up his test taking strategies and overall comprehension and mastery of his school subjects. Grant gained a great relationship with TRA teachers, Manuel, Jamie, and Joseph, and he developed a great work ethic and relationship with his TRA teacher/mentors. He found TRA's individualized approach effective and he found his experience "efficient" at TRA. We at TRA are ecstatic to know that Grant is attending the University of Oregon and that he appreciates TRA's expertise and dedication to his educational success!

“I enjoyed the staff because they made learning fun and interactive, and I can connect with them on a personal level!”

Grant Holmes

University of Oregon

Grant Holmes





College Preparation

You're Going Off to College... Now What?!

This program is designed to help guide students through the transition from high school to college. We will focus on organization, study-skills, and note taking in preparation for the upcoming semester. Students will gain confidence in difficult subject matter as they engage in subject preparation based on their upcoming class schedules. This program will be small group oriented with no more than four students per session.

Perfect for students entering college in fall 2018

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Manuel Kernan

College 101: Juggling Academics and Social Life

"College is the time of your life!", or at least, so goes the proverbial saying. College can be fun, but navigating through academic expectations and requirements, along with the litany of social activities available to students can be a challenge. This class offers ways for participants to establish habits that will allow them to genuinely make college the time of their lives.

Perfect for students entering college in fall 2018

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Manuel Kernan

College Research and Writing

"The completion of a 5,000 word research paper is mandatory to pass this class." Do not let these words strike any fear! This class helps students succeed in college level research-based classes. Students will learn successful writing and research techniques, as well as how to approach college research with ease with focus and efficiency. This experience includes writing an actual research paper!

Perfect for students of all ages!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Manuel Kernan

Interview Workshops

With proper advance preparation, interviews do not have to be scary! In this class, students will master their responses to interview questions through mock interviews. Students will also learn proper interview etiquette to showcase the best version of themselves! This class is ideal for students applying to college, as well as those who are looking to enter the workforce as part or full time employees.

Perfect for adults age 18 and up

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Manuel Kernan



TRA Teacher Ashley and Student During Writing Class

the argument, creating a strong thesis statement, and supporting your argument with facts or evidence. Students will also learn how to use grammar more effectively – and fearlessly – in order to create strong essays.

Perfect for students entering grades 7-12
COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Tiffany Lopez, Manuel Kernen

Creative Writing Workshop

Writing short stories or novels is a fun and creative way to spend time, and when you can work with a group or another person, you are able to grow even more as a writer. In this program, students will spend time writing short stories, read excerpts from several different literary styles, and use these as samples to find their own literary voices. We will also work on how to effectively develop a character and create an exciting and engaging plot, including a beginning, middle, climax, and conclusion. Students will bond as a community of budding writers and present their work to one another, culminating in a take-home booklet full of students' publications!

Perfect for students entering grades 4-8
COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Stephanie O'Brien

English: Reading & Writing

Writing Essays Refresher

Get ready for a new era of essay writing before the school year starts! In 8th and 9th grade, the level of writing that is expected of students changes drastically. Students no longer can coast with informal and unorganized papers. This class will provide techniques that will help to streamline your essay writing. We will do a step by step breakdown about the basics of writing structured and formal essays. This course will serve as both a refresher and a head start before the school year. Throughout the course, students are sure to find a technique that can make the often tedious process of essay writing easier!

Perfect for students entering 8th or 9th grade.
COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Tiffany Lopez, Manuel Kernen

Writers' Workshop: Writing Great Essays

Having trouble writing an effective essay? If you ever struggle to make your points clear in multi-paragraph or multi-page essays, then this program is for you. Students will learn the basics of how to write an essay from the very beginning, including choosing or receiving an argument, choosing how to approach



TRA Teacher Manuel and Student

Students will learn vocabulary, writing, reading, and interpretation in order to expand and enhance their skills.

Perfect for students of all ages!
 COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
 for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Manuel Kernén

Spanish: Aprendamos Español Juntos!

Spanish is a language that most of us hear everyday, but can we all speak it? Spanish has become a necessity in the work environment. Understanding, as well as speaking Spanish, gives students the edge they need to succeed. In this class, students learn the Spanish alphabet, salutations, basic vocabulary, basic sentence structure, colors, numbers, and regular verbs. Students will be responsible for completing reading and oral assignments as assigned.

Perfect for students of all ages!
 COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
 for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Tiffany Lopez

AP Spanish: Tu Futuro en Español

In this class, students learn complex sentence structure, oral communication, listening comprehension, as well as conjugate irregular verbs. Students will be required to write full essays as well as hold conversations with their peers and teacher. This immersion class will be dictated 90% in Spanish with all directions and explanations given in Spanish. Students will be responsible to complete reading and oral assignments as assigned. All assignments will resemble AP test sections.

Perfect for incoming high school juniors or seniors!
 COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
 for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Tiffany Lopez

Foreign Languages

Conversational German

Sprechen Sie Deutsch? This class is perfect for anyone who is interested learning more about Germany and mastering its native language. Throughout this class, various aspects of Germany (as well as its neighboring countries) will be discussed in... German. Students will work on a portfolio that they will, in our final session, present to the class. In the process, this class will not only improve the German of each student, but also enable participants to gain valuable insight into cultural the characteristics of German-speaking countries. Short excerpts from movies, songs, and literature will be used throughout the sessions.

Perfect for students of all ages!
 COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
 for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Manuel Kernén

Vis-à-vis: Intro to French

We all know where croissants and Chanel No. 5 come from: France! Of course there is more to France than yummy treats and expensive perfumes. From Canada to Cameroon, 29 countries speak French as their official language, and French as a foreign language is the second most frequently taught language in the world. Whether you would like to add a new language to your list, or dust off the cobwebs, this is the course for you!



TRA Teacher Manuel and Student

High School Prep

High School Applications: Interviews

Navigating through all the paper work of high school applications can be hard, complex and time-consuming. Once the applications are completed, there remains one final hurdle - in-person interviews. This session is tailored to enable students applying to private high school, the chance to conduct mock interviews while also learning about presentation skills, composure and other important ingredients necessary to master these interviews. Mock Interviews will involve actual questions that were posed during interviews. Moreover, sessions will enable students to improve interpersonal skills that are critical in a wide range of settings. Most importantly, this class builds confidence and allows students to approach school interviews in a calm, and composed manner.

Perfect for high school students!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Manuel Kernen

High School Applications: Parent Statements

High school Applications are not only stressful and time-consuming for students, but also for parents. Most high school application for private high schools involve a set of personal questions for parents. This class offers the chance for parents to receive one-on-one help in the entire writing process. Subsequently, sessions will include the planning and writing of actual questions that have appeared in past application. In completing this class, parents will not only gain insight into strategies to write personal statements, but they will also write templates that can significantly facilitate and diminish the time spent on the parent statements that they will need to fill-out in the fall when their child applies to private high schools.

Perfect for high school students!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Manuel Kernen

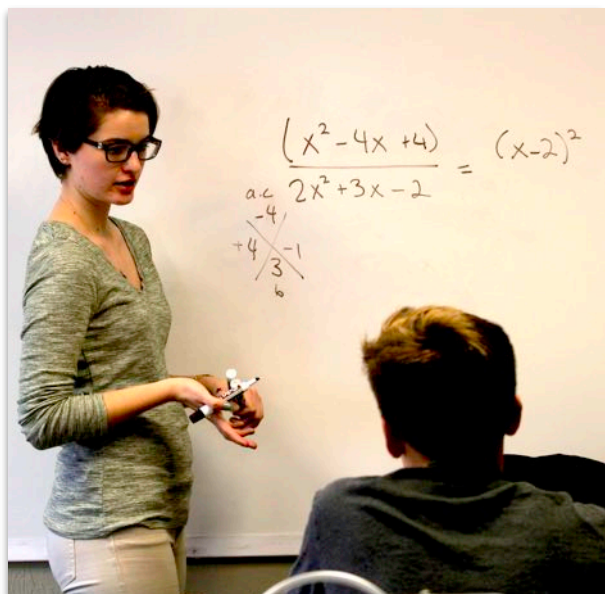
HS Course Load Planning and Advising for Senior Year

Save time, money and get ahead of the curve by starting on your college education now! Most colleges and universities require similar basic general education requirements. In this workshop you can speak with a seasoned college advisor who will outline general education requirements and discuss different ways you can take these credits in high school. This can not only save you money and give you a jump start on college, but it also helps to prepare you for college coursework.

Perfect for high school students!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Manuel Kernen



TRA Teacher Rebecca and Student

Math

Intro to Pre-Algebra & Algebra I

Is your child ready for middle school math? Our hands-on, real-life based math program will build on students' current math skills in fractions, decimals, and percents while using a sixth grade pre-algebra approach. We will delve into how math plays a role in our every day lives and how students can use it to make informed decisions (i.e. tipping in the service industry, calculating unit rates, calculating sales prices). Students will gain confidence in their math abilities as they learn how to calculate sales tax, tip in the service industry using percents, and take out mock loans with principals using simple and compound interest rates.

Perfect for students entering grade 6
 COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
 for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Ciara Chambers

Intro to High School Geometry

This class is tailored to meet the needs of students wishing to get a head start in preparing for their first geometry class and/or for those who plan to test out of it. Learning objectives include a solid understanding of lines and segments, geometric shapes and their properties, postulates, theorems, proofs, properties of triangles, angles, area, perimeter, and volume.

Perfect for students entering grades 9 or 10
 COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
 for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Ciara Chambers

Bridge to Algebra II

In this course, we will review important mathematical skills that make up the core of algebra and mastery that is vital for success in algebra II. Students will learn strategies for understanding word problems as well as take comprehensive notes with steps that will serve as a reference for the upcoming school year.

Perfect for students entering algebra II
 COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
 for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Ciara Chambers

Bridge to Calculus

In this course, we will review advanced algebra skills learned in pre-calculus that will be crucial to master for success in calculus. Specific concepts include simplifying rational expressions, solving polynomials, properties of exponents, working with function notation, finding domain and range, and graphing functions.

Perfect for students entering calculus
 COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
 for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Andrea Sajuthi

Common Core Math Skills

"Back when I went to school...." This is a sentiment that we often hear, and we can agree that education certainly has changed. Common Core Math Skills is the perfect opportunity for students in grades 4-6 to be introduced to mathematics skills and concepts that they will be learn in the upcoming school year with the new common core standards. Our primary objective for this course will be to teach students to think critically as mathematicians. Students will be given regular tasks requiring them to use their background knowledge to make math meaningful. Students will think more deeply, and be able to verbally explain the math to each other and in writing. Upon completion of this course, students will be common core math ready!

Perfect for students entering grades 4-6
 COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
 for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Tiffany Lopez



TRA Music Teacher, Zeida Garcia

Music

Introduction To Acoustic Guitar

Become a guitar player this summer! This course introduces students to the acoustic guitar and gives them a strong foundation to build upon. The first half of the course will focus on the basics of the guitar: tuning, fingerboard knowledge, chord formation, and basic strumming techniques. We will then cover music theory, rhythms, finger-style picking, improvising, and songwriting. We will also discuss the many different styles of music that can be played on the acoustic guitar, such as classical, jazz, blues, folk, rock, and pop. Required materials: student must bring in an acoustic guitar to utilize during lesson.

Perfect for students of all ages!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Ciara Chambers

Violin Lessons

Become a guitar player this summer! This course will introduce students to the acoustic guitar and give them a strong foundation to build upon. The first half of the course will focus on the basics of the guitar: tuning, fingerboard knowledge, chord formation, and basic strumming techniques. We will then cover music theory, rhythms, finger-style picking, improvising, and songwriting. We will also discuss the many different styles of music that can be played on the acoustic guitar, such as classical, jazz, blues, folk, rock, and pop. Required materials: student must bring in an acoustic guitar to utilize during lesson.

Perfect for students of all ages!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teachers: Zeida Garcia & Sandra Moore

Recorder Flute Lessons

Become a guitar player this summer! This course will introduce students to the acoustic guitar and give them a strong foundation to build upon. The first half of the course will focus on the basics of the guitar: tuning, fingerboard knowledge, chord formation, and basic strumming techniques. We will then cover music theory, rhythms, finger-style picking, improvising, and songwriting. We will also discuss the many different styles of music that can be played on the acoustic guitar, such as classical, jazz, blues, folk, rock, and pop. Required materials: student must bring in an acoustic guitar to utilize during lesson.

Perfect for students of all ages!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Sandra Moore

The Art of the DJ: Mixing & Turntablist Techniques

Learn the musical art of DJ'ing that created artists such as: Dj Q-bert, Mixmaster Mike, DJ Tiesto, Steve Aoki, and Grandmaster Roc Raida! At TRA, we teach students the art of the DJ. DJ'ing isn't just about playing music to a crowd. Like guitarists, pianists, and flutists, DJs are musicians and the mixer and turntable are their musical instruments. In fact, DJ'ing has a fascinating history and even has its own musical theory! Impress your peers with your newfound skills in blending and mixing music seamlessly, creating your own live mash-ups, and scratching and beat-juggling. Students will learn to mix using vinyl records as well computer software programs such as Serato Scratch Live. Students can learn individually and/or in a group setting. Required Materials: a IG flash drive for importing and exporting music.

Perfect for students in grades 7-12

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Alexis Madayag



Science

Understanding Earth's Climate: Past, Present, and Future

In our rapidly-changing world, understanding climate science is an important facet of scientific literacy. We will begin the course with an overview how Earth's climate works, how climate has changed in the past, and how scientists use observations and models to make predictions of future climate. Lastly, we will discuss the connection between human activity and the consequences of climate change for our planet. Students will be given the creative freedom to complete a project on any topic related to climate change (e.g., ocean acidification, sea level rise) and present it the class.

Perfect for high schoolers interested in environmental science and geology

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Ciara Chambers

Geology of California

Did you know that California has some of the most distinctive geology in the United States? From plate boundaries to the volcanoes that formed the landscape, students will have the opportunity to learn more about California's complex geologic history. This course will also cover fundamental geologic concepts such the earth's interior structure and composition, the theory of plate tectonics, the rock cycle, and geologic time. We will also discuss potential geologic hazards such as earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis. Students will also learn more about the impact of climate change on California's environment. Perfect for middle and high school students!

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COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Ciara Chambers

Intro to Physics: Study of Matter, Energy & Force

Physics is all around us, from turning on the coffee maker, to the sun that warms and gives us light each day. Our introductory physics course will preview mechanics, electricity, magnetism,

and optics. Our objective is to build a conceptual understanding of physics as well as develop the ability to apply physical concepts to problems that closely resemble everyday phenomena. Daily homework, regular quizzes, and a culminating evaluation will be given.

Perfect for incoming high school juniors or seniors

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Andrea Sajuthi, Ciara Chambers

AP Test Preparation & Strategies: Biology, Chemistry, Physics

This is a preparation course designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of AP science courses: *Biology, Chemistry, or Physics*. Students are exposed to the facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within the discipline they choose. Rather than cramming facts and dates, we make use of storytelling using historical perspectives and current events. Students will also learn about the strategies, methods, and terminology to prepare for their fall semester in the AP courses.

Perfect for students taking an AP science course in fall 2018

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Ciara Chambers, Andrea Sanjuthi

Introduction to Medicine and Biomedical Research

Thinking about a career in healthcare? Want a better understanding of how the human body works and how doctors treat illness? Then this course is for you! This course will introduce students to basic human medicine, from anatomy and physiology to the drugs and procedures doctors today use to treat us. We will then read current literature to find out what researchers are discovering today. We will also discuss mechanisms for funding healthcare and research in the United States and California. This course is perfect for high school students.

Perfect for high school students

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Andrea Sanjuthi



TRA Student in Summer Middle School Prep Course

Not only will students engage in these various activities in activities on their own to support their wellness all throughout the year. Perfect for students of all ages!

Perfect for students of all ages!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Stephanie O'Brien

Develop a Growth Mindset!

With a growth mindset, all students see learning more as a process and can claim control over their education, which can lead to greater academic success and mastery. In the class, we will tackle various issues that affect students such as emphasizing the productive opportunities of failure and mistakes, questioning and challenging your own fixed mindset as well as your own beliefs that can affect your learning in both school, work, and social encounters.

Perfect for students of all ages and adults!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Alexis Madayag

Socio-Emotional Wellness

Surviving-Thriving in Middle School

The Right Approach is proud to offer this middle school program designed to help students thrive using AVID techniques. We will focus on organization and note taking that is grade-level specific for students entering 6th to 8th grade. A unique aspect of this course is that students will mentor one another, as well as discussing the pitfalls in middle school and the most effective ways to deal with them. In addition, students will gain confidence in difficult subject matter as they preview and work from textbooks for the upcoming school year. This program will consist of small groups with no more than six students per session.

Perfect for students entering middle school or working on improving their performance for the upcoming school year!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: TRA Staff

Contemplative Photography

Contemplative photography is a method for seeing and photographing the world in a new perspective, to reveal beauty and artistic realization that is normally hidden from view. Instead of emphasizing subject matter or the technical aspects of photography, the contemplative photography approach teaches you to see clearly, and make images based on new perceptions about yourself and your surroundings. "To take photographs means... putting one's head, one's eye and one's heart on the same axis" - Henri Cartier-Bresson.

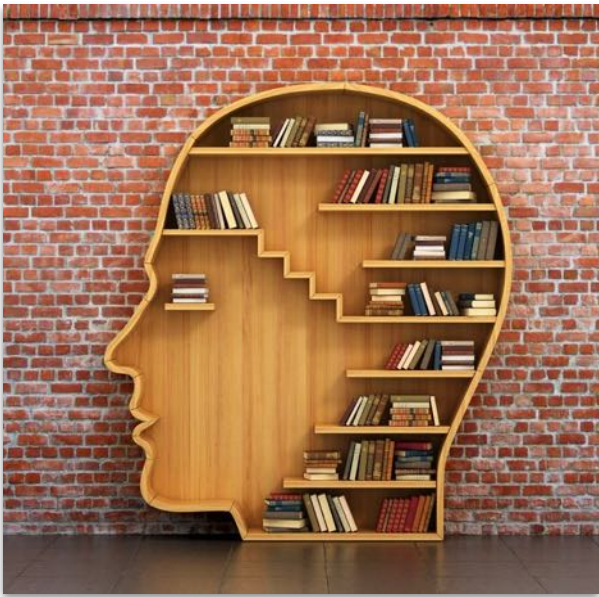
Perfect for high school students and adults!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Alexis Madayag

The Art of Relaxation

The school year can be a stressful time for students, which is why it is so essential to teach them healthy outlets to minimize stressors. This course teaches students healthy ways to reduce stress and anxiety through the use of art, meditation, and more!



Social Science

Intro to Third-Party Mediation

Conflicts in Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, Sudan and South Sudan, Tibet and China... the list goes on and on. All of these conflicts have undergone a series of international peacemaking efforts. At the heart of peacemaking efforts are complex mediation processes that attempt to create stability in regions rife with conflict. This class offers an introduction into the mechanism of third-party mediation. Participants will not only learn about past and current mediation processes by the international community, but also the key theories that guide various forms of third-party mediation. The goal of the class is two-fold. The first is for participants to gain greater insight into conflict resolution work. The second, and perhaps more important goal, is for participants to learn of a way approach their own conflicts - whichever these may be. This class offers both a global and personal aspect and offers insights that can become tools to can be used on a day to day basis.

Perfect for high schoolers and beyond
COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Manuel Kernen

Introduction to Humanitarianism

What does the Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders, and the International Rescue Committee all have in common? They are all humanitarian organizations that try to help people in crisis. This class introduces participants to humanitarian actions

around the globe and the positive and negative aspects thereof. Through academic papers, film, and documentary excerpts, this class enables people interested in majoring in international politics in college or anyone interested in humanitarian work to get a closer look at a complex undertaking. Participants will gain greater appreciation for the humanitarian efforts around the world, while understanding there is a long way to go to help those in need effectively. Given the plight of millions of people living without basic human needs, this class is relevant and fitting to the current times in which we live.

Perfect for high schoolers and beyond
COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Manuel Kernen

AP Test Preparation & Strategies: The Social Sciences

This is a preparation course designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the AP social sciences courses: *Psychology, World History, US History, Political Science, and Government*. Students are exposed to the facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology and social sciences. Rather than cramming facts and dates, we make use of storytelling using historical perspectives and current events. Students will also learn strategies, methods, and terminology necessary to prepare for their fall semester AP courses.

Perfect for students entering grades 11 or 12
COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Alexis Madayag, Manuel Kernen



TRA Teacher Tiffany Teaching Study Skills

Study Skills

Executive Function Success!

What is executive functioning? Executive functioning skills are cognitive strengths that build habits and help us manage our lives in order to be successful. This course will provide students with tips and strategies to keep themselves organized, while identifying personal roadblocks, building strong study habits, and reducing homework frustrations and procrastination. We will explore how to improve note taking, memory retention, and time management.

Perfect for students entering 5th grade and beyond

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Tiffany Lopez

Visual Note Taking 101

Visual note taking is a skill designed to facilitate learning; it involves the creative and interactive organization of information. Students don't have to possess creative skills or be a visual learner to find this course useful. This class focuses on enhancing the way we interact with information on an everyday basis – to think about the way we think. If you can draw a square...even a really bad square...you're in! Everyone is welcome. Middle school and high school students are particularly encouraged to enroll.

Perfect for students of all ages!

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Tiffany Lopez

Talking with Texts

Annotations help build comprehension, focus, and confidence. By examining current events via reputable news sources (blogs, newspapers, magazines, and online news outlets), students will learn how to engage deeply with the vast array of literature that surrounds them. Students will learn strategies for underlining important information, note-taking, and have meaningful conversations about each text they read. Students will learn how to use their annotations to ask and answer important questions, how to connect with previous texts and/or lectures, and how to use their annotations to write in response to their reading and study. The skills gained by learning how to thoughtfully annotate will carry students through middle school, high school, and well into college. This class is Common Core approved!

Perfect for students entering grades 6-8

COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate
for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Tiffany Lopez



TRA Teacher Rebecca and Student

Test Preparation at TRA: An Overview

If your child is planning on attending a private middle or high school, he or she will need to take an entrance exam as part of the admissions process. These exams can be tedious, and here at The Right Approach to Education, we help prepare your child not only for the rigors of the test, but also build a strong foundation for core subject areas. Our intensive, all encompassing program structure will immensely improve your child's performance on the HSPST/ISEE/SSAT and prepare him or her for the academic challenges of middle school and beyond. We work with each student on an individual basis to ensure excellence while maintaining an environment that is both intellectually stimulating and fun.

Admission for Bay Area private middle and high schools is increasingly competitive. Students who are involved with our test preparation course feel not only ready for the test, but also for the academic challenges of middle school and beyond. Our test preparation students have been accepted to Castilleja, St. Matthew Episcopal, Sacred Heart Preparatory, Menlo School, Crystal Springs Uplands, Notre Dame, and more!



TRA Teacher Jo and Student



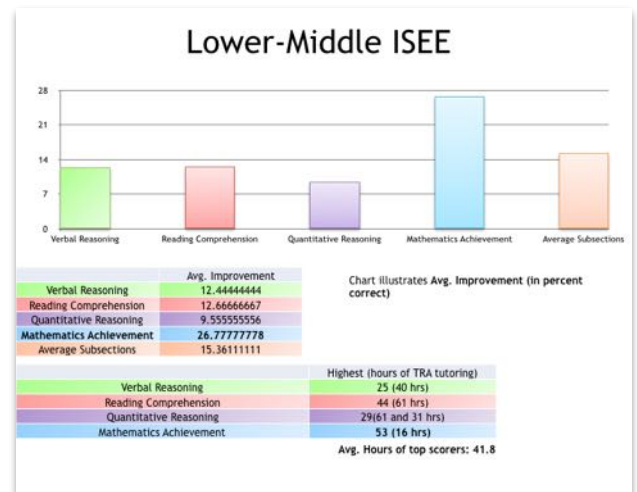
TRA Teacher Yvonne and Students during a HSPT English & Writing Summer Session

About the Program for the ISEE / SSAT / HSPT:

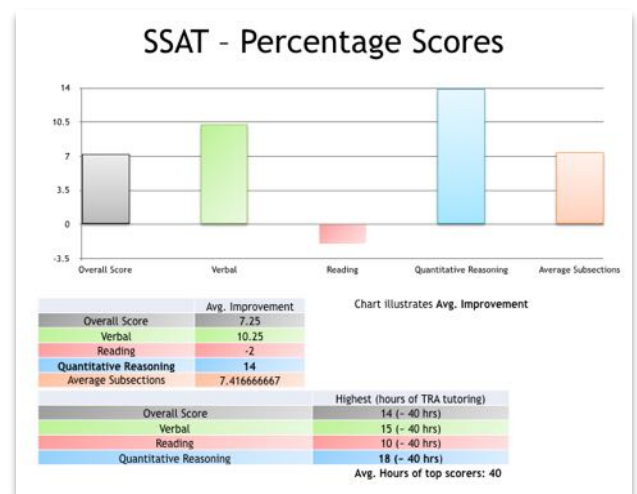
If your child is planning on attending a private school, he or she will need to take an entrance exam. Our intensive, all encompassing program structure will immensely improve your child's performance on the these exams and prepare him or her for the academic challenges of middle school and beyond. We work with each student on an individual basis to ensure excellence while maintaining an environment that is both intellectually stimulating and fun.

We begin with a full length practice test to gauge your child's areas of strength and areas of need. From there, we schedule an intensive, week long program that focuses on strategy use. Students take notes, practice strategy application, and complete practice work both inside and outside of class. We then schedule ten 1-1 sessions, generally completed in the fall/winter to review any needed strategies, teach concepts, and work on timing and pacing. At the culmination of the program, students will take a second practice test to demonstrate their improvement.

Please contact us for program pricing!



Lower ISEE Test Data from 2015 - 2016



SSAT Test Data from 2015 - 2016



TRA Teacher Maria and Student

Test Preparation: Lower / Middle ISEE

Our middle school entrance exam preparation course includes the following:

- Pre-assessment test on either the lower or middle ISEE or SSAT. This practice test serves as a baseline to determine your child's strengths and areas of need. This full-length test will be held on **Sunday, May 27th 9 am-11:30 am**. If your child cannot make the exam on that day, an alternative practice exam will be held on **Saturday, June 9th from 9:00am-11:30pm**. If you have a scheduling conflict for both of the above days and times, you may opt to give the exam at home.
- Two parent-teacher-student conferences to go over the results of your child's pre and post-assessment tests and to determine your child's exam goals.
- Group instruction (no more than 4 students per group) that includes fifteen hours of intensive test prep strategies.
- A workbook of practice test problems specific to your child's areas of need to be completed throughout the summer. We grade these workbooks and offer specific feedback.
- Ten sessions of one-on-one instruction to be scheduled throughout the fall.
- A second practice test to be held in November (date TBD).
- All materials used throughout the program.

**2018 Lower ISEE/Middle SSAT
Practice Test Dates:**

Sunday, May 27, 9 am – 11:30 am

Saturday, June 9, 9 am – 11:30 am

Session Dates:

Session A: June 18-22, 9 am – 12pm

Session B: June 25-29, 9 am – 12pm

Session C: July 9-13, 1 pm – 4 pm

Session D: July 23-27, 9 am – 12 pm

Second Practice Test Dates:

November (TBD)



TRA Teacher Calvin and Student in a HSPT Math Session

Test Prep: HSPT/ ISEE / SSAT

If your child is planning on attending a private high school, he or she will need to take an entrance exam. The exam itself can be tedious, and here at The Right Approach to Education, we would like to help prepare your child not only for the rigors of the test, but also build a strong foundation for core subject areas. Our intensive, all encompassing program structure will immensely improve your child's performance on the HSPT/SSAT/ISEE and prepare him or her for the academic challenges of eighth grade and beyond.

We work with each student on an individual basis to ensure excellence while maintaining an environment that is both intellectually stimulating and fun.

Our test preparation students have been accepted to Saint Ignatius, Bellarmine, Crystal Springs Uplands, Sacred Heart Prep., Menlo School, Saint Francis, and Notre Dame to name a few. In fact, 100% of our 2012 test preparation students were accepted to their first choice schools!

Our middle school entrance exam preparation course includes the following:

- Pre-assessment test on the HSPT, ISEE, or SSAT. This practice test serves as a baseline to determine your child's strengths and areas of need. This full-length test will be held on **Saturday, May 26th 9 am-12:15pm**. If your child cannot make the exam on that day, an alternative practice exam will be held on

Saturday, June 3rd from 9:00am-12:15pm. If you have a scheduling conflict for both of the above days and times, you may opt to give the exam at home.

- Two parent-teacher-student conferences to go over the results of your child's pre and post-assessment tests and to determine your child's exam goals.

- Group instruction (no more than 4 students per group) that includes fifteen hours of intensive test prep strategies.

- A workbook of practice test problems specific to your child's areas of need to be completed throughout the summer. We grade these workbooks and offer specific feedback.

- Ten sessions of one-on-one instruction to be scheduled throughout the fall.

- A second practice test to be held in **October** (date TBD)

- All materials used throughout the program.

2018 HSPT/SSAT/ISEE Practice Tests Dates:

Saturday, May 26, 9 am - 12:15 pm

Saturday, June 3, 9 am - 12:15 pm

Summer Session Dates:

Session A: June 11-15, 1 pm – 4 pm

Session B: June 18-22, 1 pm – 4 pm

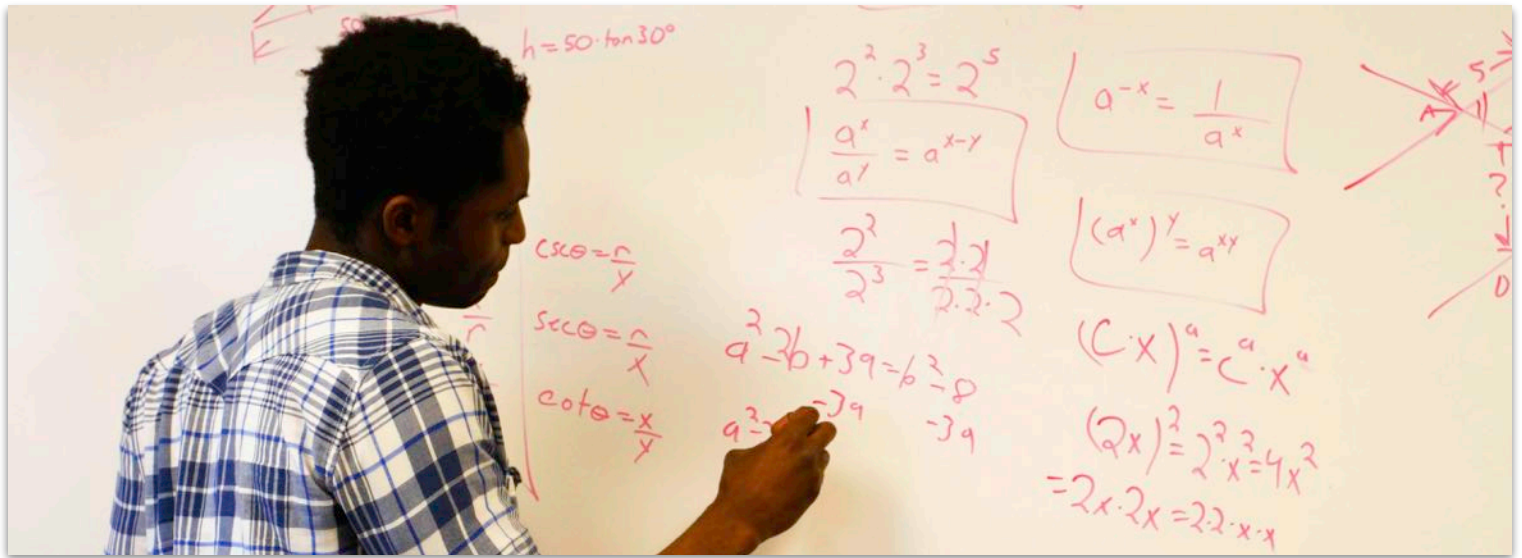
Session C: July 9-13, 9 pm – 12 pm

Session D: July 16-20, 9 am – 12 pm

Session E: July 16-20, 1 pm – 4 pm

Second Practice Test Dates:

October (TBD)



TRA Teacher Joseph During a Math Session

About the Program for the ACT / SAT / AP

The Right Approach to Education would like to help students and parents get ready for the upcoming, rigorous junior year with preparation for the ACT, SAT, and college applications.

These rigorous entrance exams are a large component in determining college readiness and to which schools students will be admitted. The Right Approach helps prepare students not only for the challenges associated with each test, but also helps them reach their full potential to maximize college opportunities.

We know that the SAT and ACT exams do not measure the intelligence of our children, but nevertheless, they are a reality within the world of education. We help students navigate each exam using strategies that can be applied throughout their lives. We are not just preparing them for a test; we are helping them cope with the anxiety that comes with any task. We work with each student on an individual basis to ensure excellence in an environment that is intellectually stimulating and fun.



TRA Teacher Joseph and Student



TRA Teacher Jorge Teaching a Math Session

Test Prep: ACT/SAT

Our college entrance exam program includes the following:

- Pre-assessment practice test on either the ACT or SAT. This practice test serves as a baseline to determine your child's strengths and areas of need.
- Two parent-teacher-student conferences to go over the results.
- Group instruction (no more than 4 students per group) that includes twelve hours of intensive test prep strategies. Choose from one of the sessions below:
- As many mini-practice tests as needed (these are 1.5 hour exams in critical reading, writing, or math) throughout the end of 2018.
- Thirteen sessions of one-on-one instruction to be scheduled throughout the fall/winter depending on the official test date(s) you have chosen.
- A second practice test used to measure progress.
- A flat rate fee for additional sessions needed in either SAT or ACT after the program is complete. 1-1 test preparation sessions are discounted to \$60/hour (a 30%-43% savings PER class) until the student/family feels the student's goals are met.

ACT/SAT Session Dates:

Session A: June 11-14, 10 am – 1 pm

Session B: June 11-14, 1 pm – 4 pm

Session C: June 18-21, 10 am – 1 pm

Session D: June 25-28, 1 pm – 4 pm

Session E: July 9-12, 10 am – 1 pm

Finding his Inner Strength



Diego came to TRA for help in the following subject areas: reading comprehension, SAT test-taking strategies, math and writing. Utilizing TRA's Drop-in Homework Help program, 1-1 subject support, SAT/ACT

Nights, small group classes, and our 1-1 test preparation options. He views the importance of an education as pivotal in becoming a well-rounded individual, having a sense of empathy and developing an intercultural understanding of his world around him in order to become successful in his career and life experiences.

"The Right Approach does a fantastic job at allowing students to explore their interests in a kind, nurturing environment, while adhering to the students needs."

- Diego Dew, Stanford University



Test Prep: AP Courses

AP Test Preparation & Strategies: The Social Sciences

This is a preparation course designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the following AP social sciences courses: *Psychology, World History, US History, Political Science, and Government*. Students are exposed to the facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each major subfield. Rather than cramming facts and dates, we make use of storytelling using historical perspectives and current events. Students will also learn about the strategies, methods, and terminology to prepare for their fall semester in the AP courses.

Perfect for high school juniors and seniors
COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teachers: Alexis Madayag, Manuel Kernen

AP Test Preparation & Strategies: Calculus

Worried about your AP calculus class AB or BC? Worry no more- TRA has your back! In this class, students master difficult calculus concepts *before* the school year starts while distractions are at a minimal. Students will take notes and learn step-by-step methods that will serve them throughout the school year. All assignments will resemble AP test sections.

Perfect for students entering AP calculus in fall 2018
COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Andrea Sajuthi

AP Spanish: Tu Futuro en Español

In this class, students learn complex sentence structure, oral communication, listening comprehension as well as irregular verbs. Students will be required to write full essays as well as hold conversations with their peers and teacher. This immersion class will be dictated 90% in Spanish with all directions and explanations given in Spanish. Students will be responsible to complete reading and oral assignments as assigned. All assignments will resemble AP test sections.

Perfect for high school juniors and seniors
COST: \$495 small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Tiffany Lopez

AP Test Preparation & Strategies: Biology, Chemistry, Physics

This is a preparation course designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of AP science courses: *Biology, Chemistry, or Physics*. Students are exposed to the facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within the discipline they choose. Rather than cramming facts and dates, we make use of storytelling using historical perspectives and current events. Students will also learn about the strategies, methods, and terminology to prepare for their fall semester in the AP courses.

Perfect for students taking an AP science course in fall 2018
COST: \$495 for small group or hourly rate for 1-1 (\$75-105 sliding scale), 10 hours

Teacher: Andrea Sajuthi, Ciara Chambers



2018 TRA Staff

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Jamie Govoni Hobe

Teacher & TRA Founder

The Right Approach was founded in 2010 by Jamie Govoni Hobe. Jamie is a graduate from the University of Vermont's prestigious child education program. She was named Student Teacher of the Year in 2002 by university faculty. Jamie moved to California in 2003 and taught middle school for four years. Becoming disenchanted with the state's insistence of teaching children based on standardized testing, Jamie sought alternative teaching methods. Combining her training from a Bay Area Waldorf teacher program with her knowledge of traditional teaching styles, Jamie's teaching methods form The Right Approach to Education. She specializes in all subject areas from K-8, students with learning disabilities, and SAT/ACT English and writing.

Stephanie O'Brien

Teacher & Operations Manager

Stephanie was born and raised in Belmont. She graduated from Carlmont High School in 2010 and then began her studies at San Francisco State University in the fall. While attending San Francisco State, Stephanie followed her passion for helping people and through art by graduating in 2016 with a Bachelors of Science in health education and a minor in art. In her free time Stephanie enjoys ceramics, camping, and getting out into nature with her dog, Ziggy. Stephanie also loves working with children and helping others succeed. She loves helping enrich young minds and foster their future success.

Alexis Madayag

Teacher & Director of Marketing

Alexis is our Director of Marketing & Visual Communication and teacher. He is a graduate of Carlmont High School in Belmont, CA and graduated from San Francisco State University with a B.A. in Radio and Television and a minor in Counseling Psychology. Alexis integrates a real world application to his lessons and curriculum in order to teach relevance and mastery of subject material. He incorporates a "growth mindset" approach, having students learn from their mistakes and shortcomings into teaching opportunities and positive learning experiences. He has also received additional certificates and associate degrees in human services, digital media, psychosocial rehabilitation and peer mentoring from the College of San Mateo.

Manuel Kernen

College Applications Specialist & Teacher

Manuel grew up in Switzerland before moving to the United States at the age of twelve. As a result, in addition to English, Manuel is fluent in Swiss-German, German and French. He attended San Mateo High School before earning a Master's in Global Politics from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) as well as a BA in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of California at Berkeley. He also co-taught a class on international issues at the University of California at Santa Cruz and co-taught seminars during his time at LSE and UCB. He volunteered in Tanzania and recently worked as an intern for an International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO) in London where he conducted research on third-party mediation practices.

Ciara Chambers, Teacher

Ciara was inspired by her high school biology teacher to pursue higher education in the sciences. In 2008, she studied environmental science during her undergraduate experience at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. Shortly after, she earned her master's degree in Earth and Environmental Science from Tulane University in 2014. Upon graduation, she has gained invaluable experience in sustainable permaculture, environmental consulting, and environmental education. In 2016, Ciara began teaching and tutoring science and math to middle and high school students. She has found helping students achieve their academic goals to be an incredibly rewarding and exciting career. Her teaching style is collaborative and engaging, and she is driven to continue learning new teaching methodologies in order to be the most helpful to her students. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, hiking, surfing, and playing guitar.

TRA Staff

Andrea Sajuthi, *Teacher*

Andrea grew up in the Bay Area and graduated from San Mateo High School. Her passion for the sciences led her to earn a Master of Science degree in Biology, researching the genetic mechanisms involved in the evolution of different crustacean species. Andrea has worked with middle and high school students in California and Illinois teaching students about science, mathematics, piano, and dance. As a former varsity high school athlete and AP student, she understands the pressures and challenges students face in today's stressful high school atmospheres. She focuses on student's academic and personal strengths in order to develop an individualized learning plan catered to each student.

Tiffany Lopez, *Teacher*

A Bay Area local, Tiffany graduated from Burlingame High School before attending Sonoma State University in 2013. She graduates college this year with a BA in Liberal Studies. Tiffany spent many years playing sports, participating in school plays and learning all there is to know about baking the perfect chocolate chip cookies. When she was in high school, she found herself volunteering at a Spanish immersion preschool where her passion for teaching had begun. From there, she has worked in many classroom and after-school environments, focusing primarily on early elementary and middle school ages.

Zeida Garcia, *Teacher*

Zeida is a certified Suzuki violin teacher since 2010 and also has training in the early childhood music education curriculum "Despertar Musical". Zeida has held several leadership roles in the field of music education at the Puerto Rico Symphony Orchestra and the Conservatory of Music of Puerto Rico. She continued her studies at the Escuela Libre de Música Ernesto Ramos Antonini with Jaime Medina, and at the university level with José "Pepito" Figueroa and Dan Rizner. She has been a member of the Arturo Somohano Philharmonic Orchestra and founder member of the "Camerata Filarmónica", Porta Coeli String Quartet and Cuatro Lunas ensemble. She studied Violin Performance at the Conservatory of Music of Puerto Rico and obtained her Bachelor's Degree, specializing in Music and Business Administration at DePauw University in Indiana. She carried out her graduate studies in Teachers College Columbia University, completing a Master's Degree in Arts Administration.

Sandra Moore, *Teacher*

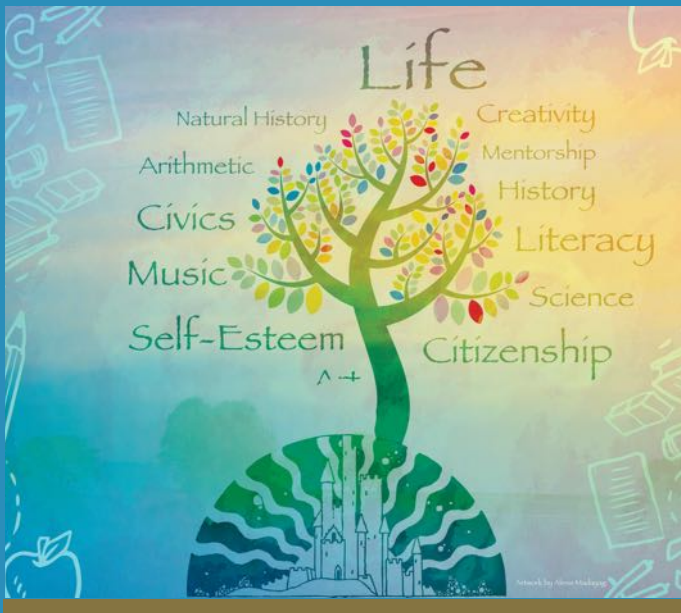
Sandra Moore originally hails from northern Illinois, but has studied throughout the USA. She has taught in private schools, The San Mateo Adult School (ESL), overseas in Japan, and also has been a business trainer. Her passion is to work with special needs students particularly in the areas of Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Dyslexia. She has tutored foreign and special needs students in the Bay Area as well. Her other greatest passion is music. Sandra has directed and performed in a number of company and church choirs throughout her career and performed in community orchestras with her violin, viola and harp. She currently performs solo and orchestral music throughout the Bay Area. Sandra also has produced one CD of sacred music with vocals, harp, violin and recorder. Sandra has been a member of her high school Foreign Language Honor Society and the National Honor Society. She was also a member of the Golden Key Honor Society in college. She has won numerous voice and violin contests throughout her schooling career.

Cristina Gutierrez, *Office Assistant*

Cristina was born and raised in San Mateo. She graduated from Hillsdale High School in 2013 and continued her studies at UC Santa Cruz that year. She recently completed her BA in Psychology and is hoping to receive her Masters in School Counseling in the near future. Cristina enjoys spending time with her family, going to the movies, dancing, and traveling. She is excited to be a part of the TRA team as it will allow her delve into the world of education and make a difference in the lives of TRA students and families.

Joseph Anda, *Teacher*

Joseph was born in Milwaukee, WI and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas where he attended Little Rock Central High School. He then attended Stanford University and earned a Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering (Class of 2011). In 2013, Joseph earned his Engineer-In-Training certification. Joseph's specialties include high school English, algebra, geometry, trigonometry/pre-calculus, calculus AB/BC, differential equations, statistics, physics, chemistry, thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, mechanics of materials, statics, dynamics, kinematics, heat transfer, and manufacturing/design. Over the past several years, Joseph has developed a highly focused teaching style intended to emphasize repeatability of process and conceptual understanding. He has worked with students ranging from middle schoolers to workforce-seasoned veterans, but specializes in high-school age students and subject matter.



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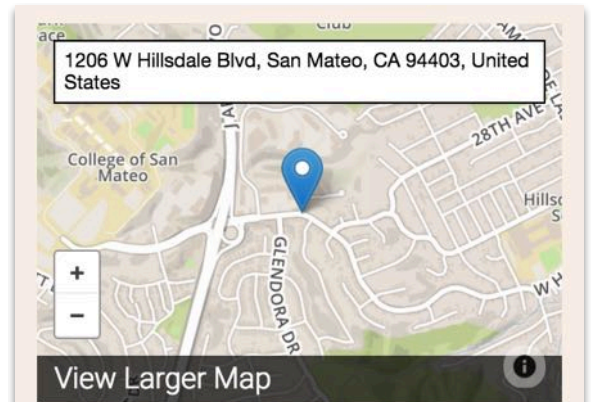
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- Aly, Parent

“My son got into every college he applied and he also was accepted at his reach college. I cannot say enough great things about Manuel and The Right Approach's system. We continue to work with Jorge for Calculus as Matt struggles a bit there, however, with the help of his tutoring, we are seeing big strides in Matt's improvement. Thank you Right Approach, we love you!”

- Denise, Parent



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