

Feedback from Parents

Parent of a Bishop's School student

I strongly recommend Patricia's test preparation services. After spending the summer working with another tutor to prepare for the SAT, I wasn't seeing the improvement that I had hoped for on my daughter's practice tests and didn't feel like he was tapping into her potential. Her first SAT attempt confirmed that. I decided to switch to a different tutor and found Patricia based on a recommendation from a friend. From the beginning, I felt like she was more invested in my daughter's learning and immediately worked to get to know her as a student and diagnose what her weak areas were. She developed a customized plan and provided numerous resources to target those areas and strengthen them. I saw steady improvement and she was well prepared for her second SAT attempt. She did even better than I expected, surpassing her test score goal and earning a 1550! Because of the uncertainty with the New SAT, Patricia also recommended she take the ACT as a backup a few weeks later, and guided her on additional materials to study for that exam. My daughter was also able to score in the top 1% on the ACT with little additional preparation.

I also asked Patricia to work with my son to prepare him for the ISEE exam. He also made steady progress and was provided with lots of resources to prepare and practice, and did well on his exam. In both cases, I found Patricia to have a genuine interest in knowing and helping each child in the best way for them. My children are very different and learn in different ways. Her dedication and caring about each student is evident. She provided useful, pertinent feedback every step of the way and was always willing to answer my questions. It was clear that she wasn't just going through the motions, but that she truly enjoys her work with each individual learner. I will definitely use her again when the time comes for my son to take the college entrance exams!

Jennifer P

Students attending CCA and Del Norte High School

Patricia has worked with 3 of our children to prepare them for the ACT. She was able to assess what their needs were and pinpoint exactly what each needed help with. She determined how much preparation was needed, and did not waste their time or our money.

We had originally looked into one of the test prep centers, where they had wanted our son to put off testing until the spring test, and spend hours of tutoring each week for many weeks (translating into lots of undue stress on him and costs to us). We felt they were not looking at him and his needs, just plugging him into their program. Patricia was able to quickly determine the specific areas he needed to focus on, encouraged him that he would be ready for the earlier test date, and, if put in the work, he could be "one and done"! He tested in the 99th percentile, and was so happy with his efforts. I highly recommend Patricia; we have been so pleased with how much individual attention she gives each student.