Using your Kaplan ACT Resources
Agenda

- Review Kaplan’s Resources
- Demo the online programs
- Share Teacher Resources
- Q&A
Who are we?

Kaplan partners with schools, districts, and community-based organizations to support students on the pathway to college. Our effective, research-based programs for college admissions make us a trusted resource for K-12 students, educators, and the community.
Kaplan’s GEAR UP Alabama programs provide a comprehensive, multi-year approach that prepares students for each step on the path to college and beyond.

Grade 9
• Math Foundations
• Foundations: ACT® / SAT®

Grade 10
• ACT® Advantage
• PSAT® Self-Paced
What causes the gap?

- A broad range of content
- High stakes
- Format of the test
- No partial credit on multiple choice
Foundations of Test Readiness

- Know the CONTENT
- Know the TEST
- Know the STRATEGIES

application of content knowledge to the test

instruction of concepts and skills
Your Current Prep Books

Kaplan Foundations: ACT & SAT Prep

Grades: 9-12
Subjects: ACT, SAT, and PSAT
Program Length: Up to 50 hours

Develop the core skills needed for ACT, SAT, and PSAT success.

Kaplan Foundations: ACT & SAT Prep equips students with the skills and strategies needed to close the knowledge/gap. This first step in ACT, SAT, or PSAT preparation helps students develop essential content knowledge while introducing students to test-like questions and test-taking strategy. This comprehensive program prepares students for the college-level content readiness through a systematic instructional approach that prepares students in order to develop student content knowledge and test-taking strategy. This course can be taught by Kaplan-certified instructors or your teachers.

- Modular lessons are closely aligned to both ACT, SAT, or PSAT content to support student mastery as they begin preparation for college entrance exams.
- Foundations: ACT & SAT Prep provides a valuable precursor to test strategy course for struggling students and is recommended prior to skill and strategy courses in order to remediate content area deficits and maximize strategy instruction.
- This program includes the books that cover the fundamentals of college readiness: one Math and Science comprehension book and one ELA and Writing book.
- Includes Progress Check assessments per subject book, which provide teachers with test-like practice and allow teachers to track progress and identify areas of improvement.

For Your Teachers: The capacitator Teacher's Guide includes detailed teacher notes in order to support a differentiated and engaging instructional approach.

What You Get:
- Student and Teacher Editions:
  - Kaplan Foundations: ACT & SAT Prep
  - Kaplan English Language Arts
  - Kaplan Math: ACT & SAT Prep
  - Math & Verbal

Kaplan Advantage: ACT

Grades: 9-12
Subjects: ACT
Program Length: Up to 80 hours

Reinforce the skills and strategies needed for success on the ACT.

Kaplan Advantage: ACT provides targeted review of the key content and strategies needed to succeed on the enhanced ACT.

- Kaplan's SmartVocab™ provides systematic and strategic approaches to test readiness to students build the skills they need to improve their performance.
- Your students benefit from lessons that help bridge the gap between content knowledge and test performance on the ACT.

For Your Teachers: Detailed teacher notes support classroom instruction and provide targeted assistance to individuals when needed.
SAT/ACT Foundations Overview

• This program is designed to provide high-quality, rigorous skill remediation, development, and instruction as well as test strategy and practice.

• Progress Checks offer test-like practice, allowing teachers to monitor progress and analyze skill gaps.

• Each lesson includes scaffolded instruction.
9th Grade: SAT/ACT Foundations

- Precursor to PSAT, SAT, and ACT prep courses
- Extensive curriculum and content for ELA, math, and science skills and strategies
- Equips students with skills and strategies needed to close college readiness knowledge gaps
- 30-58 hours of content and instruction
ACT/SAT Foundations Lesson Structure

• **Prepare:** 15-20 minutes
  - Teach relevant skills and knowledge components
  - Instruct using fully-worked examples

• **Practice:** 20 minutes
  - Apply skills to multiple practice questions
  - Provide guidance, fading assistance progressively

• **Perform:** 10-20 minutes
  - Apply skills to independent practice
  - Assign homework
Maximizing Impact

• Follow the material as written
  - Don’t improvise content review
  - Don’t rearrange the order of units
• Reinforce methods and strategies
  - Use the step-by-step methods on all questions
  - Have students explain how they used the strategies
• Focus on the process, not the answer
  - Ask, “What did you do?” instead of “What did you get?”
9th Grade: Math Foundations

- Online Program
- Focus on Math Skills in Algebra, Geometry, and Arithmetic
- Includes Video Lessons and Progress Check Quizzes
- To use: Supplement students who have gaps in math. Math teachers could also use as a question of the day from the quizzes.
ACT Advantage

• ~40 - 50 hours of content
• Focus on the strategies students need to succeed on the ACT
• Consistent Lesson and Unit structure
• Straightforward to teach
• Methods are taught first, as appropriate
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Kaplan Method for ACT English

**Step 1: Read efficiently.**
- Pause at each underlined portion.
- Identify the issue.

**Step 2: Predict and eliminate.**
- Read the answer choices and question stems.
- Rule out choices that don’t address the issue.

**Step 3: Plug in.**
- Substitute remaining choices.
- Select the best choice.
Kaplan Method for ACT Reading

**Step 1: Read actively.**
- Summarize each paragraph.
- Question the Author.

**Step 2: Examine the Question Stems.**
- Identify the question type.
- Determine the correct strategy.

**Step 3: Answer the questions.**
- Find the important information.
- Predict and eliminate.
Kaplan Method for ACT Math

Step 1: Understand the problem.

Step 2: Analyze important information.

Step 3: Plan and solve.

Step 4: Check your work.
Kaplan Method for ACT Science: Data Representation Passages

Step 1. Highlight keywords.

Step 2. Use the diagrams.

Step 3. Answer the question.

(This also applies to Research Summary passages)
PSAT Self Paced

- Online Program
- Lesson Recordings and Videos, Quizzes, and Practice Tests
- Great resource for 10th graders taking PSAT 10 this spring, and anyone getting ready for the PSAT in October of 11th grade
Teacher Resource: View the videos!

1 Hour PD Created to go through SAT/ACT Foundations and ACT Advantage

https://www.dropbox.com/s/6d3wb4shjxmil4l/Test%20Readiness.mp4?dl=0
Teacher Resource: Office Hours

On Call Resource

http://uab.kapteach.com
Teacher Resource: Special Inbox!

Email us!

kaplanuab@kaplan.com

If you have a questions about Kaplan's curriculum, you can email our experts directly. This inbox will be monitored daily, and we'll respond within 48 business hours.
Join our Facebook Community!

https://www.facebook.com/groups/KaplanGUA/

We've also created a community for you to talk to each other! Got a question on best practices on a certain question type? Want to share a recent success you've had in the classroom? This is the place to do it! We hope to have this be an active place for real-time solutions and best practices.
Enroll your students in our free PSAT and Math Programs!

As part of our commitment to the program, your students have access to our PSAT Self-Paced and Math Foundations programs for free. You and your students can enroll through the links:

PSAT Self Paced
Math Foundations

When you add the program to your shopping cart, you can use the code ALABAMA to receive the program at no cost.
Help Your Students See Success!

In partnership with Kaplan, your students will increase their skills and strategies, giving them confidence and skills to excel beyond high school.
Have a question?

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