

## ACTION PLAN: Juniors

If you haven't already begun the test-prep process, it's time to get started. Whether you're completely new to this process or have been prepping already for some time, you should consider taking the following steps now to properly position yourself to take the SAT or the ACT at least once this school year.

**1. Consider hiring a test prep professional to help you through the process.** We at First Choice Prep employ a team of highly qualified, dedicated tutors and teachers who know the SAT and ACT inside and out, and are experts at teaching students the strategies they need to maximize their potential. No matter who you choose to hire, make sure that the tutor or test prep program you're using is reputable, knowledgeable, and committed to doing whatever it takes to helping you achieve your goals.

**2. Create an account with Khan Academy to supplement your test prep.** Though for many students using Khan Academy alone may not suffice in helping them reach their full potential on the SAT or ACT, it is still a good resource to use to help reinforce the skills and strategies you've been working on with your tutor.

**3. Commit to being a conscientious and diligent student in all your classes, especially math and English.** In math, make sure you really understand the concepts you're being taught. If you have questions, raise your hand and ask them. If you still don't quite understand something, meet with your teacher after school so he or she can better explain it to you. And if you're still struggling with any of these concepts, hire a tutor to help you. In many instances, a different perspective and teaching method is all you'll need to make a difficult concept "click."

**4. Read more!** Read anything you'd like – books, magazines, newspapers, online articles and blog posts – just make sure you're doing so on a daily basis. And make sure that whatever you read you do so WORD FOR WORD. No rushing, no skimming. If you find that you spaced out during a paragraph and didn't pay any attention to what it meant, go back and re-read it. In order to really perform well on the SAT or ACT when the time comes, you'll need to be a good reader, and that means you need to start practicing now.