



# ACES Academic Enrichment Center

## 2019 Summer Enrichment Course Syllabus

**Course Name: Advanced Vocabulary – Hard SAT Words for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

### Course Description

The ACES Advanced Vocabulary class provides an intensive study of difficult words that often appear on standardized tests such as the SAT. We will discuss a variety of techniques for learning vocabulary that engages multiple learning styles to maximize retention of challenging words. We will also learn common roots of words, which will help students understand the meaning of words they do not necessarily know. Students will read passages from history, literature, and the sciences as we study these difficult terms in context. Through writing, speaking, and listening activities, students will build the vocabulary skills that are essential to success on both the Critical Reading and Essay measures of the SAT.

### Course Objectives and Student Competencies

- Widen vocabulary and be able to recognize more advanced vocabulary words
- Gain the skills to be able to define and use more advanced vocabulary words in a sentence

### Class Structure

Class begins with a short vocabulary quiz on the words discussed the previous day. Students will work together to use new words in sentences. They will also discuss the tone and synonyms. Students will then practice sections of the test that use the new vocab words or their synonyms.

Date	Topics	Homework
6/17	Introduction to advanced SAT/ACT words – root words, prefixes, suffixes	Study vocab and practice exercise from day 1
6/18	Common vocab words used in different contexts	Study vocab and practice exercise from day 2
6/19	Advanced SAT/ACT words from verbal	Study vocab and practice exercise from day 3
6/20	Advanced SAT/ACT words from reading	Study vocab and practice exercise from day 4
6/21	Review words we've done so far and review other common SAT/ACT words used	