



# ACES Academic Enrichment Center

## 2019 Summer Enrichment Course Syllabus

**Course Name: SAT/ACT Essay Writing for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

### **Course Description**

SAT/ACT Essay writing will focus on the fundamentals for writing a strong essay on test day. Students will gain practice writing essays, reading various persuasive essays, and learning how to manage time and stress during the essay portion of the test. Students will study the different aspects of a rhetorical analysis, learn how to debate persuasively using the perspectives of others to back up their own claims. Students will practice using real ACT/SAT essay prompts.

### **Course Objectives and Student Competencies**

- Write persuasive essays under time constraints
- Gain skills planning and outlining essays and creating strong thesis statements

### **Class Structure**

Class begins with a short reading of a type of passage used in the essay section. The writing topic of the day is developed and discussed, and students have a chance to practice with timed writing exercises. Students share their writing and gain practice proofreading.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Homework</b>
7/8	The rhetorical essay versus the persuasive essay	Essay Log # 1
7/9	Reading, note-taking, planning, formula for essay writing	Essay Log #2
7/10	Elements of rhetoric and supporting a rhetorical analysis	Essay Log #3
7/11	Arguing perspective and supporting it with evidence	Essay Log #4
7/12	Proofreading, practice timed essays	