



## DENVER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

### 2019-2020 SAT class for the Class of 2021

To Junior and Junior Parents

Denver School of the Arts is committed to helping our students succeed in college readiness. As part of this process, the DSA administration is committed to assisting our students in achieving admission to the college of their choice. As part of this process we are determined to help DSA juniors be prepared for success on their college entrance exams. These exams are designed to help colleges judge students' potential to perform academically at the college level. Lack of preparation, or introduction to the style and types of questions these exams ask of student, often sets students at a disadvantage.

SAT has partnered with Khan Academy. After students take the PSAT in October, they will be able to link their scores directly to Khan Academy and receive an individualized study program based on their areas of need.

Part of this preparation is taking the SAT. As part of this help, all juniors are required to be part of an SAT course. This course will be worth 5 credits on the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of their junior transcript. This is a pass/fail class. If the course is passed, a "P" will appear on the transcript. It will not impact a student's GPA. If the course is failed, an "F" will appear on the transcript. This will compute on the transcript as a 5 credit F on a 4.0 scale – negatively impacting the student's GPA. The class will be in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester IC under an "ALT" section. It will not be part of the daily 8 period schedule.

#### The Course Requirements

- 1) It is the student's responsibility to check online at the "Counseling Department" website for class details. The class is listed on the top bar under "juniors". The site will be updated as the assignments are added.
- 2) three assignments first semester
- 3) three assignments second semester
- 4) all assignments will be given a due date
- 5) ***Late assignments will not be accepted and cannot be excused by parents. No exceptions.***
- 6) Students must complete 5 of 6 assignments to "pass" the class
- 7) One of the assignments will be the PSAT test on October 9, 2019. Make sure to pay the \$18 fee at August registration
- 8) One of the assignments can be substituted with proof of payment *and* attendance of an SAT/ACT prep class OR an SAT/ACT tutor. The class must be complete and documentation given to Miss Odom *before* the Colorado April 14, 2020 SAT. A Kaplan class – for example. Proof of this is to turn in a paid invoice for the class and/or the tutoring company.
- 9) One of the assignments can be substituted by taking a national ACT or SAT test *before* the April 14, 2020 *Colorado SAT* test. The student is responsible for making sure that DSA receives scores for this test. This substitute may only be used once for this DSA class. Make sure DSA's SAT/ACT code is added to any ACT/SAT test you take throughout the year: 060443. Proof of this is by turning in a copy of the entrance ticket provided by ACT/SAT.
- 10) One of the assignments will be to attend 2 SAT classes offered here at DSA from 3:05 pm – 4:05 pm. Class dates will be in April – two classes per afternoon. These classes are taught by DSA teachers.
- 11) All students will receive an SAT Study Guide purchased by DSA. This guide will be distributed on the first day of the assignment.
- 12) All assignments will be given to Assistant Principal Miranda Odom – who will log the completion into Infinite Campus. Students will "sign in" their assignments with Miss Odom.
- 13) Being absent from school (for illness/school visits/field trip/travel/etc) is not an excuse for turning in an assignment late. ***All assignments are due to Miss Odom ON OR BEFORE the due date.*** No exceptions.
- 14) Assignments will not be given out all at once. They will be given throughout the school year.
- 15) All communication about the class will be done through IC messenger. If the parent/student's email address does not appear in Infinite Campus, he/she will not receive the assignment information. Both student and parent will see all communications. Please make sure you/your student's correct email is in Infinite Campus.
- 16) All class information, due dates, etc is listed on the DSA website:
  - a. DSA Homepage
  - b. Students
  - c. Counseling Center
  - d. Juniors