

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 231-2023

LETTER TO COMMISSION

To: Honorable Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

From: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager

Date: May 19, 2023

Subject: SAT/ACT Test Prep Program Update

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to update you on the status of the City funded SAT/ACT test preparation program currently utilized by students at Miami Beach Senior High School each school year.

Throughout the 2022-23 school year, 472 Beach High students utilized the program with an 116% increase in student use between September 2022 and April 2023.

The below chart reflects the average percent of correct answers in all tested subjects when comparing active student performance between September 2022 and April 2023 with an overall percent improvement of 444.3%:

SAT Prep Subject Performance Improvement 2022-23

SAT Subject	Sept. 2022	Apr. 2023	% active user performance improvement
Reading	11.3%	67.6%	+ 498.2 %
Writing/ Language Arts	12.2%	70.3%	+ 476.2 %
Math	10.6%	69.8%	+ 558.4 %
Overall percent improvement	12.4%	67.5%	+ 444.3 %

The City funded SAT/ACT test prep platform is FREE to any Miami Beach youth resident during the summer months and Miami Beach Senior High school students during the school year. Inside the platform youth have access to over 50 hours of comprehensive test prep broken down into easy to follow units, lessons, and quizzes. Skill and performance tracking allow youth to understand their unique areas of weakness and identify the specific skills necessary to improve their scores. Lessons are designed to cater to a multitude of learning styles and contain both audio and video components, as well as embedded questions that provide youth with immediate feedback and detailed explanations. Accessible on any data enabled or internet connected device, youth can begin improving their scores in as little as 15 minutes a day.

A parent/guardian and youth information session for summer 2023 access has been scheduled as follows:

May 24, 2023

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Zoom meeting ID: 574 796 9101 Passcode: 2oyB5P

Call in: 929.205.6099 Access code: 401682#

All Miami Beach youth will have free access to the program throughout Summer 2023 by self-enrolling at the following link: <https://methodize.methodlearning.com/school/join/z3jqs7m>

An overview of the program will be shared at the May 31st Miami Beach Senior High School PTSA meeting:

May 31, 2023

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Zoom meeting ID: 882 0738 3976 Passcode: 806751

Call in: 305 224 1968 Access code: *806751#

The below chart reflects the average percent of correct answers in all tested subjects when comparing active student performance between the 2021-22 school year and 2022-23 school year:

SAT Prep Subject Performance Improvement Year Over Year

SAT Subject	2021-22	2022-23	% active user performance improvement
Reading	45%	52%	+ 15.56%
Writing/ Language Arts	46%	58%	+ 26.09%
Math	55%	69%	+ 25.45%

Feedback from Miami Beach Senior High teachers who utilize the program indicates the program has been an invaluable and instrumental tool for students. Students who used the Method Learning platform raised their ACT scores from a diagnostic score of 20.2 (just below the national average of 21) to an average of 27.6. Considering that a perfect score on the ACT is a 36, this margin of improvement is rather extraordinary. Most of these students readily admit that Method Learning was the program that put them over the top. Additionally, 83% of those students at-risk of not graduating earned concordant scores on either the ACT or SAT which enable them to not only pass the FSA and Algebra 1 EOC, but also graduate with an actual diploma rather than a certificate of attendance.

We will continue to support our vision of being a prosperous city with a special flavor of arts, culture, education, and business with management objectives of being known for (K-12) educational excellence.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Education Officer at leslierosenfeld@miamibeachfl.gov.

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FREE SAT & ACT PREP PROGRAM

Funded by the City of Miami Beach

Information Sessions:

May 24 at 6pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 574 796 9101

Passcode: 2oyB5P

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PREPARACIÓN PARA EL SAT Y ACT GRATIS

Financiado por la Ciudad de Miami Beach

Inscripción para el verano limitada a los primeros 600 jóvenes residentes de Miami Beach.

Inscríbese en:

<https://methodize.methodlearning.com/school/join/z3jqs7m>

Summer registration is limited to first 600 Miami Beach youth residents.

Sign up directly at:

<https://methodize.methodlearning.com/school/join/z3jqs7m>



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