



Dekalb County Schools Secondary Push Plan Initiative: SAT Prep

DeKalb County Schools SAT Prep Program Summary

Academic Year: 2024–2025 Initiative: Secondary Push Plan – SAT Readiness

Program Overview

In 2024–2025, DeKalb County School District (DCSD) implemented its **first-ever districtwide Saturday SAT Prep Program**, designed to prepare juniors and seniors for college admissions through targeted instruction and test simulation.

Goals:

- Improve SAT readiness and scores
- Expand equitable access to high-quality SAT prep
- Close opportunity gaps across clusters and schools

Program Delivery

- **Target Grades:** 11th and 12th Grade Students
- **Schedule:** 8-week cycles, Fall (Oct–Nov) and Spring (March–April)
- **Times:** Saturdays, 9AM–11AM / 1PM–3PM
- **Partner:** Princeton Review
- **Content:** Math, Reading, Writing & Language, full-length practice exams
- **Supports:** Personalized feedback, test-taking strategies



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Site Locations

Host Site	Schools Served
Lakeside	Cross Keys, Lakeside
Chamblee	Dunwoody, Chamblee
Clarkston	Clarkston, Stone Mountain, DSA, DAS
Tucker	DECA, Tucker, Druid Hills
Lithonia	Stephenson, Lithonia, Redan, Towers
Miller Grove	King, Miller Grove, Arabia, Columbia
Cedar Grove	Southwest DeKalb, Cedar Grove, McNair

Student Participation

Session	Grade Level	Students Served
Fall 2024	12th Grade	359
Spring 2025	11th Grade	740
Total		1,099

12% of students participated in the SAT Prep.

Note: Spring attendance data reports indicate **higher overall engagement** among juniors, with improved recruitment from counselors and principals.

Program Outcomes

- **Broad Impact:** Over 1,000 students received structured, high-quality SAT preparation
- **Equity of Access:** All clusters and comprehensive high schools served
- **Stronger Junior Engagement:** Spring session (juniors) saw nearly double the senior enrollment
- **Instructional Quality:** Princeton Review delivered expert-level instruction and personalized practice
- **Actionable Insights:** Attendance gaps and fidelity issues were identified—improvements proposed below

Recommendations for 2025–2026

- **Continue SAT Prep investment** with enhanced fidelity monitoring
- **Add required weekly attendance uploads** and centralized tracking
- **Introduce digital/virtual prep option** for additional flexibility
- **Link to College Board score data** to measure program effectiveness



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- Increase school-level accountability via counselor support and incentives for full participation