

2020 Spring Weekly Classes

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSES		
Grade 7 & 8 Writing	16:30 - 18:30	<i>Tuesdays,</i> March 31 to June 9
Grade 7 & 8 Math	17:00 - 18:30	Thursdays, April 2 to June 11
Grade 7 & 8 Science	16:30 - 18:00	Mondays, March 30 to June 8
<u>Debate and Critical</u> <u>Thinking</u>	10:00 - 12:00	Saturdays, April 4 to June 6

Class Redundancies

Classes that run on multiple weekdays cover the same content. To avoid covering the same lesson content, please sign up for only one of these classes.



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Middle School Classes

UL - SSAT Math (CLOSED)

Grades - 7, 8

Our Upper-Level SSAT Math course prepares students for SSAT success by covering a range of concepts including ratios, proportions, conversion, equations, probability, geometry, exponents, radicals, and functions. The course will focus primarily on how these concepts are tested, specifically on the SSAT, and provide proven strategies to tackle each effectively. Students will be expected to complete roughly 2-3 hours of homework per session.

UL - SSAT Reading and Verbal (CLOSED)

Grades - 7, 8

Our Upper-Level SSAT Reading & Verbal course accelerates students to success on the SSAT. Students rapidly acquire vocabulary through the study of roots, prefixes, suffixes, and over 200 test-centric words. Students quickly improve reading skills and learn test-taking strategies such as elimination and time management. Students will be expected to complete roughly 2-3 hours of homework per session.

Debate and Critical Thinking

Grades - 6, 7, 8

Our Debate and Critical Thinking class will provide participants with a guide to the fundamentals of argumentation, logical formulation, and clear speech – skills that are an essential part of high school and eventually college and life success. Students in this course will be challenged to process a range of complex ideas through reading and discussion, to organize their thoughts using brainstorming and framing tools, and to finally present their ideas in a variety of formats, including debate and business pitches. Students can expect to receive two hours of homework a week and will be expected to participate in weekly class debates.



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Grade 7 and 8 Writing

Grades - 7, 8

Our Middle School Writing course tasks students with writing well-reasoned persuasive essays on selected prompts: "Is reading fiction a waste of time?", "Who makes a better leader: someone who is loved, or someone who is feared?", etc. In addition to learning structure, word choice, stylistic devices, and grammar, students will practice timed writing (both 25 and 50 min essays). Students are expected to complete around 1.5 hours of homework per session.

Grade 7 and 8 Math

Grades - 7, 8

Our Middle School math course heavily focuses on Pre-Algebra to prepare students for the rigors of High School. For students to improve in the specific areas they need, each will complete level-appropriate worksheets in class along with targeted homework. Topics include equations, inequalities, ratios, proportions, percents, the Pythagorean theorem, probability, and statistics. Students are expected to complete around 1.5 hours of homework per session.

Grade 7 and 8 Science

Grades - 7, 8

In this course, students will engage with a range of scientific topics to better understand the natural world, develop scientific literacy, and learn how to think like a scientist. How do humans see color? Is time travel possible? What's causing climate change? Through virtual labs, interactive lectures and class discussions, students will learn how to gather information and evidence, organize and reason with it, and communicate with others in order to answer questions of this nature. Students are expected to complete around 1.5 hours of homework per session.



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Grade 6, 7, 8 Vocabulary Seminar - (CLOSED)

Grades - 6, 7, and 8

Students in this class will learn 20-30 SAT-level words per session, following the TA Visual Vocabulary book. The goal is to make words such as "abstruse," "commodious," and "zenith" eventually become not only part of their daily conversation, but also part of their writing assignments. Each class period introduces 30 words in 3x 20 minute segments, and concludes with a 20-minute quiz to ensure students retain all their newfound vocabulary knowledge. Each class will include a range of activities designed to improve retention. (NOTE - Students are provided a copy of the book.)



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IMPORTANT NOTES

A. FREE Class Audit

For each class of the TA academic year, students are welcome to attend one FREE session to observe its format and pace. *Only when parents decide to join they will be billed.*

B. FREE Level Check

If parents and students are uncertain of the class fit, we suggest taking mock tests, diagnostics, and counseling to find the right fit. Please email us at support@tokyoacademics.com to assist you with setting up an appointment.

C. <u>"Pop Up" Classes</u>

Students who would like to study the same subject and are similarly capable can request their own group classes. Given tutor and space availability, TA can accommodate these "pop up" classes to meet the needs of selective groups of students. Email us at support@tokyoacademics.com at least 72h in advance of the requested start date.

D. Class Continuation

For your convenience, we have implemented the automatic enrollment policy for our students to all our weekly classes.

- Students will automatically be registered for future weekly terms (Fall to Winter, and Winter to Spring) except for SAT and SSAT courses.
- To cancel your registration, please email us at <u>classes@tokyoacademics.com</u> at least 72h in advance of the class start date.



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IMPORTANT NOTES

A. Class Cancellation

For dates when students cannot come to the class, students/parents can notify us more than 24 hours to avoid being charged.

- Cancellations (attendance notice) that are made within 24 hours of the scheduled session will be charged as a regular attended session.
- Students who fail to notify any TA staff of their absence will be charged for the missed session (No-show charge)

B. Class Redundancies

Classes that run on multiple days within the week cover the same content. To avoid covering the same lesson content, please sign up for only one of these classes.

C. Class Billing

- Classes are now billed at the end of the month
- Students are billed only for the sessions which they register for and don't cancel
- Audits are free of charge and are only billed once the student decides to join the course

Registration Policy:

- 1. Students can join classes after the start date (EXCEPT for SAT classes).
- 2. To join or audit a class, students **MUST** register.
- 3. Registration must be done within a minimum of 24 hours before the class you would like to attend.