Brix Academy Bellevue Program

Fall Term Courses by Annabelle B. Lee

September ~ November (3 months)



SSAT Solution Test Prep

Our comprehensive "SSAT Solution Test Prep" course will prepare students for the upcoming 2022 test dates - October 15th, November 12th, and December 10th. Mondays and Fridays will be dedicated to Reading Comprehension and students will learn how to read the passages and efficiently find the correct answers. Verbal Reasoning will be covered on Wednesday and students will be able to apply the vocabulary words they memorize and be taught the various patterns of this section. Tuesdays and Thursdays will cover the necessary math concepts that students will be tested on. There is a weekly mock test available on Saturdays so we will be able to track the students' improvement and make progress so students can reach their target scores.

Schedule

M, W, F - Reading Comprehension and Verbal Reasoning T, TH - Quantitative (Math)

BRIX Debate

3 levels

Socrates (highest level) [7-8] Plato (intermediate level) [5-6] Aristotle (lowest level) [3-4]

Brix's debate classes develop fundamental skills such as logical thinking, reasoning, argumentation, and public speaking. Being able to think logically and persuasively argue one's point is essential in essay writing and beneficial for standardized tests such as the SSAT and SAT and our debate classes give students the opportunity to learn and practice these skills. With three different levels, students will participate in mock-debates every week with their peers and argue their positions with self-written speeches backed up with evidence. Not only will the classes be enjoyable, but they will be an excellent learning opportunity that boosts confidence and public speaking abilities. These classes will also help prepare students for local and national speech and debate tournaments for those interested in competing.

BRIX 5 Types of Writing

3 levels

Socrates (highest level) [7-8] Plato (intermediate level) [5-6] Aristotle (lowest level) [3-4]

This course will cover the fundamentals of writing that are necessary throughout one's academic career.

Students will learn the basics and develop their writing abilities for the following types of writing: narrative, descriptive, expository, persuasive, and literary analysis. Each week students will learn about each type of writing, analyze sample essays, and then write their own pieces. This course will allow students to practice writing these various writing forms and gain fundamental writing skills in terms of planning, organizing, outlining, and researching for their writing. This class will help students who struggle with writing and also help students already comfortable with writing enhance their abilities and write with higher quali-

Novice - Grades 4-5 Intermediate - Grades 6-7 Advanced - Grades 7-8

Literature with Writing

5 levels: 4-8

The 'Literature with Writing' course will cover a broad range of literature - a classic novel, contemporary best-sellers, poetry, and short stories. Throughout the course, students will be able to explore similar themes across a wide source of material, synthesize the knowledge, discuss their thoughts and opinions in class, and make connections to the real world. With an emphasis on writing, the course will allow students to develop fundamental analysis and essay writing skills which are necessary academic

Materials

The majority of the class will cover the following 2 books - a classic literary novel and contemporary best-sellers recommended by Bellevue School librarians. Additionally, short stories and poetry of similar themes will be incorporated throughout the course and students will be able to discuss and synthesize knowledge across a wide range of materials.

L4 - The Girl Who Drank the Moon + The Little Prince

L5 - The War that Saved My Life + Number the Stars

L6 - Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation + Animal Farm

L7 - Inside Out and Back Again + Of Mice and Men

L8 - That Hate U Give + The House on Mango Street

Complete College Essay and Application Workshop

With the guidance of instructors experienced with the college application process, students will have the chance to plan, develop, and write excellent college application essays and polish their application and resumes to enhance acceptance into university. As the process is daunting and often overwhelming for students, BRIX has provided a package workshop course where students are given direction on where to start and how to start. After completing the most important common application essay, students will be able to tackle various types of supplement questions and will learn the basics of school research, filling out the

writing after being given direct feedback. After workshop hours, students are welcome to stay and continue writing or editing their essays as the instructor will be able to periodically check their work and give them direct feedback even after class.

Schedule

Week 1 - Common Application Essay

Week 2 - Common Application Essay

Week 3 - UC/Supplement Essays Week 4 - UC/Supplement Essays

Week 5 - UW Essay

Week 6 - The "Why Our School" Supplement Essay + How to do School Research

Week 7 - Common Application Process + Tips

Week 8 - Resume Polishing