

No One Brags about Low Scores

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Just as a gambler has a propensity to boast of his wins and never mention his losses, SAT courses as well as SAT students will gladly tell you about their highest scores. Consequently, even after hearing just a handful of success stories (true or otherwise), parents are tempted to believe that everyone is earning high SAT scores!

Naturally, we know that this is not the case, because SAT scores have been declining nationwide. What the parents and students are hearing are the “wins” rather than the “losses.” If a student earns a high score, she will be happy to discuss it with others. If, on the other hand, her score is relatively low, she is unlikely to brag about it. The result is that you and your student will hear of the icing rather than the cake.

Therefore, take what you hear with a grain of salt. With proper preparation, your student can realize a score that is considerably higher than those of the vast majority of SAT applicants. If, however, your student listens to the gossip or compares his scores with the handful of students who are naturally-skilled SAT test-takers, he will always feel that he is a step behind everyone else. Call me, and let’s talk about your particular situation.