



ACT/SAT TUTORING GUIDE

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When I was in high school in the 80's, you took the ACT once and what you got is what you got. But, things were different then: University of Illinois was a back-up school. Since then, the population has grown, but spots at colleges haven't grown as fast, so getting into your top college has gotten harder. Prepping for these tests can strengthen your child's application. The best way to determine if a student needs tutoring is to check test score requirements of the colleges he/she is looking at. I had a student who wanted to go to Miami of Ohio. Her dad really wanted her to get a 30 on her ACT. When she scored a 29 on her first test, she decided to stop tutoring because a 29 would get her into her top choice school. Spending more time and money on tutoring didn't make sense. I have another student who admitted to me years after tutoring that she didn't really try because she already had the score she needed her top college.

One nice benefit of test prep tutoring is that we teach students strategies that they can be apply to many other tests and assignments. Often students tell us they are using our strategies on academic tests or that they are now applying punctuation rules to their papers. We know it's frustrating to feel that we are just "teaching to the test," but if your child is planning to go to college, these strategies can help them through the next 4-5 years.

One of the best things you can do now is encourage your children to read for pleasure. Reading for pleasure helps improve your comprehension, reading speed, vocabulary, grammar and background knowledge, all important skills for this test. The best way to improve these is to read. Help your children find a book that they enjoy. Reading is a foundational skill for this test and the rest of their academic years and even during their careers. Making them stronger, faster readers now will help them for years to come.

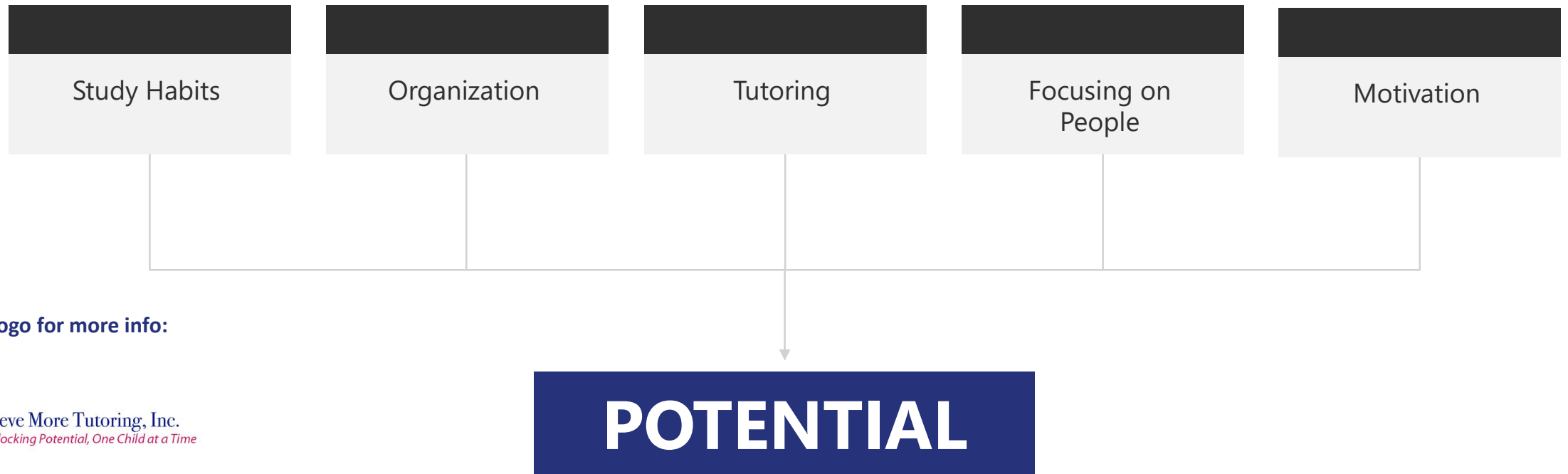


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