SAMPLE PLAN. "Jordan M." is a fictional student. Scores are made up for illustration. Test dates and Bright Futures requirements are real (see sources on the last page).

Jordan M. — SAT Game Plan

Class of 2028 · Grade 11 · Goal: Bright Futures Medallion (SAT 1200), stretch to Academic Scholars (SAT 1350)

1. Where Jordan is now

PSAT/NMSQT · OCT 2026	READING & WRITING	MATH
1120	**590**	**530**
out of 1520	out of 760	out of 760

Skill areas (score bands from the PSAT report)

Domain	Band	Status
R&W · Information & Ideas	530–580	Growth area
R&W · Craft & Structure	580–630	Solid
R&W · Expression of Ideas	610–670	Strength
R&W · Standard English Conventions	550–600	Quick win
Math · Algebra	530–580	Growth area
Math · Advanced Math	480–530	Priority
Math · Problem-Solving & Data Analysis	550–600	Growth area
Math · Geometry & Trigonometry	480–530	Priority

What the data says

- **Reading & Writing is the stronger section.** Expression of Ideas is already near goal level. The fastest R&W points are in **Conventions** (rule-based, learnable in weeks) and **Information & Ideas** (inferences and evidence questions).
- **Math holds the biggest gap.** Advanced Math and Geometry/Trig are the lowest bands. These need steady weekly practice, not cramming.
- **Jordan is 80 points from Medallion.** That is a realistic gain with a focused plan and two test attempts.

2. The target math

Bright Futures **superscores** the SAT: it combines Jordan's best Reading & Writing score and best Math score from any test dates. So each section can be improved on a different day.

Goal	Total needed (Class of 2028)	One way to get there	Gain from PSAT
Florida Medallion Scholars · 75% of tuition	1200	R&W 630 + Math 570	+40 R&W, +40 Math
Florida Academic Scholars · 100% of tuition	1350	R&W 690 + Math 660	+100 R&W, +130 Math

The plan in one sentence: lock in Medallion on the March SAT, then use spring and fall retakes to push toward Academic Scholars, with Math getting the most practice time.

Test scores are only one requirement. Bright Futures also needs a weighted Bright Futures GPA (3.00 Medallion / 3.50 Academic) in 16 core courses, service or work hours (75 volunteer or 100 paid/combined for Medallion; 100 for Academic), and the Florida Financial Aid Application filed senior year. The Class of 2028 will officially follow the 2027–28 handbook, so recheck these when it is published.

3. Test calendar

Date	What happens	Deadline
By Nov 22, 2026	Full Bluebook practice test to set a true SAT baseline	—
Mar 6, 2027	**First official SAT.** Goal: 1200+ (Medallion)	Register by Feb 19, 2027
May 1 or Jun 5, 2027	Second SAT. Goal: raise whichever section is lower	Register by Apr 16 or May 21
Fall 2027 (senior year)	Optional third SAT if still chasing Academic Scholars	See College Board
Aug 31, 2028	Last day a test score can count for Bright Futures	—

When registering, send scores to at least one Florida public college or university so they reach the state's scholarship office.

4. The 17-week plan to the March SAT

About **3½ hours a week** on your own, plus one tutoring session. Short, regular sessions beat long weekend cramming.

Phase	Reading & Writing	Math
Phase 1 · Foundations Nov 9 – Dec 20	Conventions rules: boundaries (commas, semicolons, colons), verb agreement, pronouns. One timed 10-question set per week.	Advanced Math core: quadratics, exponents, function notation. Khan Academy SAT units, 2 sessions a week.
Winter break Dec 21 – Jan 3	Light review only: two 30-minute sessions per week. Rest counts as part of the plan.	
Phase 2 · Hard questions Jan 4 – Feb 7	Inferences, Command of Evidence (text and graphs), and Cross-Text questions. Practice explaining *why* each wrong answer is wrong.	Geometry & Trig (circles, right triangles, area and volume) plus mixed Advanced Math sets.
Phase 3 · Test mode Feb 8 – Mar 5	Two full Bluebook practice tests (Feb 13 and Feb 27), each followed by a review session. Timed single modules on other days. Pacing goal: finish each module with 2–3 minutes to check flagged questions.	

A typical week (Phase 1)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Math 45 min	R&W 40 min	Tutoring 60 min	Math 45 min	Off	R&W timed set 40 min	Mistake review 30 min

How to review a mistake (the step most students skip)

1. Write the **skill** the question tested (for example, “semicolon” or “quadratic vertex”).
2. Write **why your answer was wrong** in one sentence: misread, didn’t know the rule, or ran out of time.
3. Redo the question 3 days later without looking at the answer.

5. Free official tools

- **Bluebook** (College Board app): full-length adaptive practice tests that work exactly like the real SAT.
- **Khan Academy Official Digital SAT Prep**: lessons and practice by skill.
- **SAT Suite Question Bank**: real questions you can filter by domain and difficulty.

6. Progress tracker

Checkpoint	Date	R&W	Math	Total	On track?
PSAT (starting point)	Oct 2026	590	530	1120	—
Bluebook baseline	Nov 2026				
Bluebook test 2	Feb 13				Goal 1170+
Bluebook test 3	Feb 27				Goal 1200+
Official SAT	Mar 6				

Skill log (fill in weekly)

Week of	Skill practiced	# right / # tried	Biggest mistake pattern

> **For parents:** you'll get a short weekly summary showing what Jordan practiced, accuracy by skill, and whether Jordan is on pace for March. If a practice test comes in below goal, we adjust the plan that week rather than waiting.

— Sean Newborn, PasswayPrep

Sources: SAT dates from College Board's 2026–27 calendar. Bright Futures scores and requirements for the Class of 2028 from the Bright Futures Student Handbook 2026–27, published by the Florida Office of Student Financial Assistance. Requirements can change; confirm before registering. Sample plan prepared November 2026.