



SIGN UP FOR OUR FREE VIRTUAL ACCESS PROGRAM

- Mentoring & coaching by college students
- Online SAT prep (Live & On Demand)
- Assistance with college applications
- Assistance with building a college list
- Help writing your college essay
- Support with getting money for college
- Learn at your own pace



Rhode Island Program Runs virtually from

February 22 - April 30

Monday & Wednesday

or

Tuesday & Thursday

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

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VIRTUAL ACCESS PROGRAM FAQ

Let's Get Ready's powerful program provides students with support to and through the college admissions and enrollment process, and then along the road to college graduation. Our effective program model relies on highly trained and highly effective college undergraduates who mentor younger students. Let's Get Ready near-peer coaches provide students with timely, relevant and personalized resources, share their own college experiences to create a sense of belonging, and support students as they identify their strengths and build self-efficacy skills. LGR currently works with students from Maine to Philadelphia and serves approximately 13,000 students annually.

Even prior to the pandemic, our program provides students at least 1 virtual component during high school and college through the Transition & Success Programs. Given the challenges created by COVID-19, we expanded virtual programming to support students remotely in the Access Program.

What will my students receive in the Virtual College Access Program?

→**A Dedicated Coach:** Each student is assigned a Virtual Access Coach, who manages a group of 30 high school students. The peer mentor relationship is the secret sauce! Relationships formed with a current college student drive engagement in the curriculum and help students stay motivated in the college process. Our flexible forms of communication via phone calls, text messages and email, ensure students are oriented, supported, held accountable and celebrated by their Coach. Coaches monitor student progress through key milestones of program completion and intervene to keep students on track to completion.

→**Individualized Study Planning & Support:** After taking an online diagnostic SAT exam, students focus their learning through our online learning platform, Lemma, where they find LGR-specific SAT curriculum. Lemma provides real time feedback on homework completion and on-demand video content. Students follow up with their Coach directly through the platform to get academic help and utilize regularly scheduled 1:1 phone calls and group meetings to get answers to their questions, set study goals and get input on how to focus their study plan.

→**Engaging SAT Content with College Student Instructors:** Instructors provide both weekly live instruction and on-demand video resources. The creativity and relevance of our college students are the core of our in-person programs, and virtual programs still rely on their teaching.

→**College Readiness Planning with a Current College Student:** Coaches lead relevant, interactive workshops online that help students think about their future and stay grounded in college planning even though the future feels so uncertain! Examples include but aren't limited to college essay writing, college list building, and adjusting to online learning. Coaches also use 1:1 check-ins to ensure students are moving through key college readiness milestones.

→**Support Beyond the Summer:** Each student will continue in our programs during Senior year and throughout college. As part of the program wrap up, Coaches talk to students about their next college steps and help students sign up for the level of support that is right for them --either with another dedicated Coach in our Transition Core Plus program or through a two-way texting curriculum in our Transition Core programming.

Are you accepting new partners for the program?

Yes! You are welcome to refer as many students as you'd like, and qualifying applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested in entering into a more formal agreement with reserved seats for a cohort of your students and access to student level reporting, please contact one of our regional program leaders for more information about partnership pricing.

Jordan Wesley supports partners in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut and can be reached at jwesley@letsgetready.org.

Wanda Montañez supports partners in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island and can be reached at wmontanez@letsgetready.org.

Who qualifies for your program?

Students living in one of our current states are eligible to apply (New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and Rhode Island). As a non-profit dedicated to educational equity, we prioritize and enroll students who are historically underrepresented on college campuses and/or who are the first generation to attend college in their families. All programs are offered at NO COST to students.

What if my student doesn't have access to a computer or wifi?

Help your student apply anyway! The application includes a place to note technology concerns, and the Let's Get Ready team will contact your student to help them connect with local resources that are providing technology access and/or support them through hard copy materials and phone/text.

What if my student can't attend classes on a set schedule?

We have designed the program understanding that life has been completely upended by the pandemic. Your students have the opportunity to pace their own learning with the support and accountability of a current college student by scheduling 1:1 sessions and participating in group online events and live instruction. While our expectation is that students will attend all sessions, our team will be very flexible to meet your students' learning needs.

What is the timeline?

Programs will run from early February leading up to the May/June SAT exams. We are planning 2 weeks of onboarding for students to get on our learning platforms, complete consent forms, and take diagnostic exams plus 10 weeks of program content.

Why should my students consider taking the SATs if most colleges are test optional for the 2020 - 2021 school year?

So much about the college process is uncertain right now. At the same time, this pandemic will eventually end, and we are coaching students to be prepared for that time. While test policies have been suspended for the Class of 2021, it's too early to know what will be required of the Class of 2022. Additionally, the Let's Get Ready program is not just SAT preparation. A substantial number of the milestones our Coaches are tracking have to do with the college application process in addition to the SAT, and we will support students well beyond the 10 weeks this summer through to college graduation.

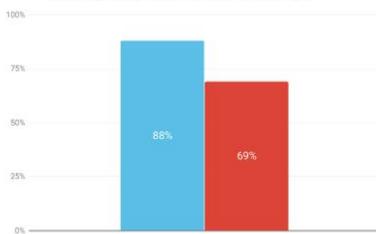
That said, we know testing is a huge question. **Some** schools have announced test optional opportunities, but we are hearing from our university partners that this decision is quite complicated and many schools will not be able to do so. We've compiled some things for your students to consider when making this decision.

- It is unclear how colleges/universities are using test scores to divvy up **merit-based aid** and private **scholarships** may still use SAT as an indicator for who gets awarded.
- Test Optional does not equate to test blind
 - Students who have already achieved competitive scores can still use those scores to enhance their applications at schools with new test-optional policies, and most students will. To be competitive, you'll still want to put your best foot forward. **Easier to apply doesn't mean easier to get in.**
 - It's unclear how colleges are going to assess waitlists--will SAT's be considered?
- It'll be **free** to take if you haven't used all your fee waivers yet
 - You do well, it's an awesome addition to application.
 - You don't do as well as you hoped, then you won't need to send your score in.
 - **Super scoring** is still a thing! Start early and submit all of your best scores.
- Some colleges use test scores, among other factors, to determine student placement in math/english classes. This means there's an opportunity to **save \$\$\$** by not having to take remedial/developmental classes.
- If you decide to defer going to college for a year or transfer early in your freshman year, you **may need SAT scores** to get into another college.
- It is all about **options**. By having an SAT score, you are giving yourself more opportunities as you decide where you want to go to college. What if you find your dream school through the search process, but don't meet their requirements?

Sign my students up!

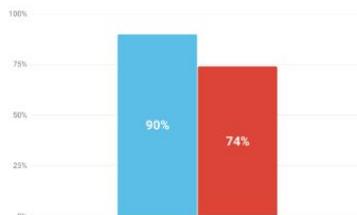
Applications are available online at www.letsgetready.org/signup. Know that your students are in good hands. Our students are enrolling and persisting at rates well above the rates of students who come from historically underrepresented backgrounds and/or are first generation to college.

LGR STUDENTS ENROLL IN COLLEGE ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE



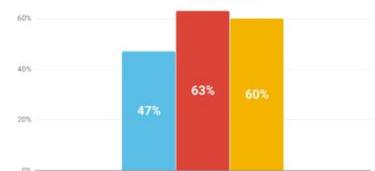
■ Let's Get Ready students (HS class of 2019) based on NSC data and student outreach.
 ■ National Average. Source: National Center for Education Statistics (2019)

LGR STUDENTS PERSIST IN COLLEGE ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE



■ Let's Get Ready students enrolling immediately following HS in fall 2018 and persisting at any institution in fall 2019
 ■ National Average. Source: NSC Research Center 2019, First-Year Persistence and Retention for Fall 2017 cohort

LGR STUDENTS ARE ON TRACK TO GRADUATING ABOVE THE 6-YEAR NATIONAL AVERAGE



■ 4-year Graduation Rate, LGR students
 ■ 5-year Graduation Rate, LGR students
 ■ 6-year Graduation Rate, National Average Source: NSC Research Center (2019) Completing College; 2019