

# Description of Services: Chris Borland / Borland Educational

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## **Academic coaching for individuals and small groups – since 1978!**

- All levels of elementary, middle, and high school mathematics (arithmetic to calculus A/B)
- Preparation for all sections of the SAT, ACT, PSAT, SSAT, and HSPT, and for the SAT2 Mathematics Level 1 and 2 Subject Tests
- General academic/learning skills (study habits, organization, efficiency, time management, homework and project management, information input and output, creative and analytic techniques, test taking, writing and researching, motivation, confidence, commitment to quality, etc.)
- Academic mentoring (inspiration, enthusiasm, personalized support, and expert assistance to help students establish and maintain high academic standards, reach for their personal best, and maximize success in and out of school)
- Extensive experience working with students with special needs (gifted/talented students, those challenged by test anxiety, math phobia, learning differences/disabilities, ADD/ADHD, etc.), as well as with those in the general student population
- Utilizing both Socratic (“leading question”) and direct instruction methods, together with specialized techniques and select instructional modalities (verbalizing and visualizing, math manipulatives, cognitive retraining, desensitization, anchoring, etc.)
- Personalized study programs and individually crafted homework assignments tailored to the particular needs and goals of each student
- All ages and abilities

## **Independent study support**

- Fully accredited high school and college level correspondence and online courses through U.C. Berkeley, B.Y.U., et al (take advantage of flexible scheduling and deadlines, replace unacceptable grades, provide additional credits after school or during summer break, etc.)
- Customized courses of study to prepare for entrance exams, challenge courses by examination, review earlier class work, or get a “head start” (review/preview courses)
- Remediation for struggling students, and course supplementation for those identified as gifted and talented

## **Workshops and private courses for students, parents, and teachers**

- Borland Educational Test Strategy Workshops: BLAST through test taking barriers and optimize performance on the SAT, SAT2, ACT, PSAT, SSAT and HSPT!
- Algebra/Geometry Head Start: Be Prepared! Catch up! Get ahead!
- The Graphing Calculator: Competence and Confidence on the TI-83/84
- Math that Matters: Mastering Mental Arithmetic
- Making Learning a Basic Family Value: A Workshop for Parents of Young Children

## **Consulting services for parents, teachers, and private practice educators**

- Home schooling and independent study support and advice
- Choosing educational technology and software
- Educational resources (referrals to private practice educators, consultants, therapists, organizations, publications, Web sites, etc.)

## **Fees and Availability**

Academic coaching and consulting fees range from \$150 to \$200 per hour for private sessions, with discounts of 25-50% per student per hour for small group sessions (depending on location, nature and content of the sessions, group size, etc.).

Services are provided at Borland Educational offices in Sausalito and Santa Rosa, California. Chris also works with students in their homes in San Francisco, Marin, and Sonoma County, at school, and over the phone, and is available to travel by special arrangement throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, California, the United States, and internationally to work with individuals and groups of all sizes (fees upon request).