

# 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 SAT Math Subject Tests Level 1, 2
- 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, enthusiastic personalized support, and expert assistance to help students establish and maintain high academic standards, strive to do 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 math phobia, test anxiety, learning differences/disabilities, ADD/ADHD) and those in the general student population
- Utilizing both Socratic ("leading question") and direct instruction methods, together with specialized techniques and instructional modalities (verbalizing/visualizing, manipulatives, cognitive retraining, anchoring, desensitization, 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

## Courses and workshops

- Test Strategy Workshops: BLAST through test taking barriers & optimize performance on the SAT, PSAT, and SSAT!
- Algebra/Geometry Head Start: Be Prepared! Catch up! Get ahead!
- The Graphing Calculator: Using the Ti-83/84 to Boost Scores on Standardized Math Tests
- Math that Matters: Mastering Mental Arithmetic
- Making Learning a Basic Family Value: A Workshop for Parents of Young Children

## Consulting services

- Home schooling and independent study support and advice
- Choosing educational technology and software
- Personalized referrals to tutors, consultants, counselors, therapists, organizations, publications, online resources, etc.

## Availability

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 via skype, 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.