



# Professional Development Webinars

## Latest Strategies and Skills Needed To Tackle the SAT® Math Test

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# Moderator Bio



## Mike Houston

**T<sup>3</sup> National Instructor**

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Mike is in his sixteenth year of teaching high school mathematics in Ellwood City, PA. While participating in a TI-Navigator™ Fast-Track in 2007, he learned how technology can effectively cultivate students' wide range of learning styles. During this time, Mike has served as a T<sup>3</sup> National Instructor. Mike is also the coauthor of: *On the Money: Mathematics Activities to Build Financial Literacy Grades K-5*.

# Panelists' Bios



**Jeff McCalla**

**T<sup>3</sup> Regional Instructor**

**Memphis, TN**

Jeff co-founded the TI-Nspire™ SuperUser group with Bryson Perry. He teaches Algebra II and AP\* Statistics at St. Mary's Episcopal School in Memphis, TN. In 2009, Jeff received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Jeff authored the 2nd edition of *TI-Nspire™ for Dummies* (2011) and the 2nd edition of *TI-84 for Dummies* (2013). Jeff is a co-author of the ACT® and SAT prep courses for T<sup>3</sup>.



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Tom taught at Fitch High School in Austintown, Ohio, for 35 years and has served as an adjunct professor at Youngstown State University for 39 years. As a T<sup>3</sup> National Instructor, he has worked on the development of the Transformational Geometry activities and ACT® and SAT prep courses. Since 2009 Tom is a Senior Math Advisor for TI, currently working on the Families of Functions video series.

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# Agenda

- Welcome & introductions
- Do some SAT® problems!
- Discuss and illustrate test-taking strategies
- Emphasize the importance of being able to solve problems by hand
- Illustrate appropriate and effective technology use
- Get several practice SAT® problems to use with your students

## Expected Outcomes

- See (and experience) what types of problems are on the most recent SAT® tests
- Share effective SAT test-taking strategies with your students
- Learn how to efficiently incorporate technology as a teaching and learning tool – not just for the SAT!
- Feel much more comfortable and confident about what is “on” the SAT when working with your students

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