

JBH Tutoring
College Essay Fact Sheet
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Time to think. Time to write. Time to revise.

Our method is to explore essay topics with students and provide them with feedback as they move through the writing process. Although there is no single “formula,” for writing a college essay, it is critical for students to allocate ample time to think, compose a first draft and revise their work. They should envision this process taking weeks (or months) so they can gain perspective on their initial ideas and words in order to create a compelling and authentic essay.

A few words about feedback

We provide feedback to students regarding the essay topic along with its organization, language use, sentence structure and overall tone. Although we evaluate a student’s draft with respect to spelling and grammar and offer suggestions for improvement, the student should expect to proofread and check the draft carefully and continually throughout the essay writing process.

What we will do:

- help a student brainstorm
- encourage a student to explore different essay topics
- help organize a student’s ideas
- help a student get “unstuck”
- provide feedback and suggestions on a draft with regard to idea development, organization, word choice, tone, etc.
- identify grammatical and sentence level errors in a draft, and offer advice as to how to improve or correct them
- encourage a student to write multiple drafts and provide specific suggestions
- proofread a student’s final draft

What we will not do:

- write (or rewrite) sentences, paragraphs or an entire essay
- guarantee that an essay will get a student in to a specific school or schools

A final word

We will work our hardest to make the essay writing process as stress-free and as enjoyable as possible for both students and their parents.