

**JBH Tutoring**  
**College Essay Support Class of 2027**

**Weekly meetings are the best way to craft a polished essay.**

Based on our more than 50 years of combined experience and expertise in writing support, we know that students who make a commitment to work with us weekly make the greatest progress toward completing a polished essay.

**How we work with students on college essays**

**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.

**Important:** Students are always free to show their drafts to outside sources (parents, teachers, school counselors, etc.) at any point of the writing process and make changes to their work. **However, once the student and the tutor arrive at an agreed-upon personal statement topic by the \*third meeting,\* we will \*not\* comment on or pursue new essay topics, whether generated by the student or outside readers (this includes family, teachers or friends). Please note that our services are limited \*only\* to our work and interactions with the student. We will \*not\* comment on or help students make revisions based on feedback that comes from outside sources.**

**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
- provide regular updates to the parent/guardian on the student’s progress.

**What we will not do:**

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

read your essay with the guarantee that it is *completely* free of grammatical, spelling or word choice errors before it is submitted.

**Please note that while students are free to share their work with a few people, we will *\*not\** share their work with anyone, including their parent/s or guardian/s *\*without\** the student's express permission.**

### **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.