SOFLO TUTORS PARTNER WITH ACHIEVE MIAMI TO BOOST STUDENT ACT SCORES

Report by Adam Shlomi, the founder of SoFlo Tutors

This past summer, **SoFlo Tutors** hosted an ACT bootcamp to help Miami high-school students improve their college entrance exam scores. Founded on the core belief that every student should have access to high quality test-prep, SoFlo provides equal opportunities for success. Through collaboration with Achieve Miami, a nonprofit organization with the goal of educational delivering quality enrichment programs, SoFlo tailored their innovative online test-prep program for a large group of students.



Online ACT Lessons

During the six-week course, SoFlo tutors led online classes of roughly 25 students each. The high-impact tutoring model included two-hour biweekly instruction and corresponding homework to reinforce the covered topics. All crucial aspects of the ACT were covered in the detailed curriculum: core concepts for math, reading, science, and grammar; tips, tricks, and strategies for approaching various questions; and several opportunities to practice with real exams.

By implementing a scaffolded approach to test prep, each lesson incorporated both new material and a review of previous learning goals. Not only were the students consistently exposed to new skills and ideas, but they were also able to learn from their mistakes and ask questions in a friendly, collaborative environment. Students were also given free access to ACT and SAT blog resources from SoFlo.

While the highly trained SoFlo tutors brought their expertise, it was the strong student engagement and enthusiasm that made the ACT prep series productive. The students were very engaged. We do lots of non profit work, and the Achieve Miami students were some of the most excited, enthusiastic, and eager that we have ever worked with," said Savannah Butler, a tutor from SoFlo.

Success Stories

By the end of the prep class, almost every student exhibited growth from their initial diagnostic test to their final practice exam. This positive trend proved itself upon the release of official scores following the exam. Achieve Miami's Director of High School Programs, Robert Sawyer, reported an average score increase of 3 points across the students who participated in the ACT Bootcamp. For reference, this is equivalent to a 100-point increase on the SAT. Beyond boosting their test scores, the students emerged with testing strategies and confidence to carry with them throughout the remainder of their academic careers.

Thanks to the collaboration of SoFlo Tutors and Achieve Miami, these students were able to become more competitive college applicants. Following the success of this course, SoFlo will continue its mission to provide accessible, high-quality test prep for students of all backgrounds through similar classes in the fall and SoFlo's own online SAT Scholarship.