

High School Placement Test Information

About the Exam:

The High School Placement Test (HSPT) is made up of five, multiple-choice, parts: verbal, quantitative, reading, mathematics, and language skills. The exam takes two hours to complete and contains 298 questions. The multiple-choice questions are designed to indicate how well a student performs tasks that can be expected of an average eighth grader.

Exam Format:

Every question uses a multiple-choice format, with three to four answer choices, lettered (A), (B), (C), or (D). The questions are written consecutively, so make sure you mark your answer in the corresponding number on the answer sheet! Here is a break down of your time allotted and number of questions in each section of the test:

<i>Test Section</i>	<i>Number of Questions</i>	<i>Time Allotted</i>
Verbal Skills	60	16 minutes
Quantitative Skills	52	30 minutes
Reading	62	25 minutes
Mathematics	64	45 minutes
Language Skills	60	25 minutes

Scoring:

Your score on the HSPT is based on the number of questions you answer correctly. NO POINTS are subtracted for incorrect answers, so answer every question even if you have to guess! Your score will be reported on a scale of 200-800, which tells you how your performance on the HSPT compares with the other 120,000 students taking the exam.

On Test Day

What should I bring to the exam?

1. Two or more sharpened #2 pencils. Do not bring a mechanical pencil.
2. Identification and admission ticket (if given one).
3. Unless you were told to bring a calculator, do not bring one to your exam. Most high school entrance exams do not allow calculators. Contact your exam site, before test day, for more information about calculators.
4. Wear a watch, this way you know how much time you have left in each section. If you have a watch with an alarm, make sure to turn it off. (Calculator watches are not allowed.)
5. When you enter the room, find a seat and relax! You will be able to concentrate better if you can relax before the exam is given.

What should I expect on test day?

1. The first step to the exam is filling out forms. You will be given detailed instruction on this procedure. Listen to the proctor, read, and follow the directions. This is not timed, so do not rush through this!
2. The exam proctor will give you instructions for taking the exam. You will be told when to start and when to stop. You will also be given instructions on procedure if you find a problem with your test, or if you have to stop for any reason.
3. *Read ALL directions carefully!* Directions will be similar to practice questions, but they might have changed. So read everything!
4. *Read every word of every question.* Be alert for little words that might have a big effect on your answer. Examples of words: *not, most, all, every, and except.*
5. *Read all of the answer choices before you select an answer!*
6. If you don't know, guess! You have a 20-25% chance of marking the correct answer! Make a small mark you can erase next to the question number and come back to it after you have answered all other questions in that section.

Where should I take the exam?

Each high school has a different policy on the HSPT regarding scholarships and accepting scores from other exam sites. Below you will find brief information regarding the HSPT from the high schools we toured. For more detailed information please contact the Admissions Department for your high school of choice.

Immaculate Conception:

When: The HSPT is offered the first Saturday in December.

On Test Day:

Test takers should arrive by 8:15 a.m., and will be dismissed by 11:30 a.m. There is a \$20.00 charge for the HSPT that can be pre-paid or paid the morning of. Checks can be made to ICCS. Students need to bring two #2 pencils (not mechanical).

Questions:

Contact Director of Admissions, Betsy McKay, by phone (901) 435-5309 or email at betsy.mckay@ic.cdom.org. The admissions office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Scholarship Information:

Immaculate Conception (IC) will be offering a \$1,000 renewable scholarship to the student with the highest test score over the 85% percentile from each parochial school. The student with the highest overall score will receive an additional \$1,000. In order to qualify for one of these academic scholarships, you must take the HSPT at IC.

St. Benedict at Auburndale:

When: The HSPT is offered the first Saturday in December.

Registration:

Complete the **Application for Admission** (available at www.sbaeagles.org/Admissions or call 260-2875) and return with \$75 non-refundable application fee.

- Please note registration form for the High School Placement Test on the application*
- Include a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunization record with the application.
- PLUS applicants also need to include a copy of their most recent psychological evaluation (no more than 3 yrs).
- *Report card and ITBS scores are not necessary at this time.* The Admissions Office at St. Benedict will request these records at the semester.

On Test Day:

Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. until 8:25 a.m. Testing begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. Test ends at approximately 11:30 a.m. **No one admitted after 8:25 a.m. Students need two #2 pencils for testing (not mechanical), no calculators are allowed.**

Taking the test at St. Benedict is taken as an indication of a strong desire to want to come to SBA. Preference is given to those students who test with St. Benedict.

Questions:

If you have any questions about the admissions process, please call Ann O'Leary, Director of Admissions (901) 260-2875.

St. Agnes Academy:

When: The High School Placement Test is offered the first Saturday in December.

Registration:

It is recommended that students take the HSPT at St. Agnes Academy as scholarships are awarded from the results. However, we do accept test results from any diocesan schools. Please forward a copy of the test results to the Admissions Office. To register please download the form (<http://www.saa-sds.org/Admissions/AdmissionsHome.html>).

In order to begin the admission process, parents are asked to sign and return the Application for Admission and Records Release Form with the \$75 application fee as soon as possible.

*The test fee is included in the St. Agnes Academy Application fee. There is a \$25.00 test fee, if an application has not yet been filed.

On Test Day:

Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. Testing begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. Test ends at approximately 12:15 p.m. **No one admitted after 8:25 a.m. Students need two #2 pencils for testing (not mechanical), no calculators are allowed.**

Questions:

If you have questions, please contact Terry Forsythe, Dean of Admission, at (901) 435-5817 or tforsythe@saa-sds.org.

Christian Brothers High School:

When: The High School Placement Test is offered the first Saturday in December.

Registration:

Fees for entering freshmen include a \$75 registration fee

Christian Brothers High School offers academic scholarships and financial aid. Financial aid may be pursued through the CBHS business office once contracts have been submitted.

Test Day Information and Questions:

Please call Admissions Director Nancy Lanigan at (901) 261-4952, or e-mail nlanigan@cbhs.org.