



High School Placement Test at Sacred Heart Cathedral

What is the High School Placement Test (HSPT)?

The HSPT is a standardized entrance exam that students applying to Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC) are required to take. Students are tested on verbal skills, quantitative skills, reading, math, and writing skills.

When is the HSPT administered at SHC?

The HSPT will be administered at SHC on Saturday, December 2, 2023.

What time does the HSPT begin and end?

We ask that students arrive on campus no later than 8:00 am. The test will begin promptly at 8:30 am and conclude approximately at 11:45 am (extended time testing concludes at approximately 1:15 pm).

How do I register?

To register to take the HSPT at Sacred Heart Cathedral simply select SHC as your testing location on our online application for admission. Once your application has been submitted you will automatically be registered to take the test at SHC. Only students applying to SHC may take the HSPT at SHC.

What if I am taking the HSPT at another high school?

If you are taking the HSPT at a school other than SHC, we ask that you indicate that school in our online application for admission. Applicants choosing to take the exam at another school are responsible for making a reservation with that high school.

Does the location of where I take the HSPT matter?

No. Applicants are free to take the exam at any Catholic school in which they are applying.

Where do applicants go when arriving on campus?

Students will enter the La Salle Campus (1055 Ellis) and proceed to the Dining Hall to locate their assigned classroom location. Block Club members will be on campus to provide directions and accompany your students.

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**What should I bring to the test?**

All testing materials will be supplied by Sacred Heart Cathedral. **Calculators are not permitted.** Students may bring cell phones and will be asked to turn off their device throughout the duration of the test.

We suggest bringing a water bottle and snack for the break mid-way through the test.

May parents stay on campus during testing?

Parents are welcome to wait on campus (Student Life Center) for their student to finish the exam.

Where should I pick up my student?

Applicants will be released to the front of the La Salle campus (1055 Ellis) at the conclusion of the test.

How late can I take the HSPT?

The HSPT is offered at alternative locations at later dates. If you are unable to take the HSPT at SHC on December 2nd, we encourage you to schedule a testing date with another school. SHC will accept HSPT scores until January 19, 2024.

Can I get extended time on the HSPT?

Applicants with a documented learning difference or other diagnosis may be eligible for extended test time. Applicants must submit required documentation through the SHC application by November 16, 2023 to be considered.

How and when will I receive my HSPT score?

After decisions are mailed out, you may contact the Admissions Office at admissions@shcp.edu to request your HSPT score.

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