

# WHAT TO KNOW: The HSPT at SI

# HOW TO SIGN UP FOR THE HSPT AT SI

#### **Only Applicants to SI**

We are only able to test students who have applied to SI. Due to the number of students applying to SI, we can only accommodate students who have applied to SI.

#### Sign up for the HSPT on your Application to SI

If you indicate on your online application that you want to take the HSPT at SI and submit your application by the due date, SI will reserve a place for you to take the HSPT at SI.

If you plan to take the HSPT at another Catholic High School where you are applying, you will be responsible for making the arrangements with that high school and indicate on your online application to SI where/when you plan to take the HSPT. On your testing day, you will indicate on your answer sheet that you want your HSPT results sent to SI by entering the code number 15.

#### SI needs your HSPT results by January 10

Please keep in mind that SI begins reviewing applicant files in early January. Therefore, please consider where/when you plan to take the HSPT, so your applicant file can be reviewed in a timely manner. If an applicant is applying to multiple schools, the applicant should take the HSPT at the high school that offers the earliest date, so all their potential high schools get the results in a timely manner for their process and timeline.

### WHAT TO BRING

#### Two #2 pencils

This is a standardized test that will be in-person. Students will need #2 pencils, as this will insure that their answer sheet will be scored effectively. (No calculators are allowed)

#### Optional – Water, Snack, Watch, Cell Phone

If you feel it is needed, you are welcome to bring water and a small snack (e.g., granola/protein bar) that is easy to eat during your short break in the classroom. You may wear a watch; however, you will be given time updates in the classroom during the testing periods. If you bring a cell phone, you will be instructed to turn it off and place in under your desk while in the classroom.

#### A Relaxed and Positive Attitude

Remember, the HSPT is one test on one day and we realize various circumstances can affect the outcome. All applicants are required to take the HSPT as part of the SI admissions process. The HSPT is reviewed along with the application and all other required and supplemental information received.

# WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE

#### **Arrival Time**

Students should report to the front of school by 8:30 am. The doors open promptly at 8:30 am and students testing will be directed to their classroom. No ticket is required for admittance.

#### **Classroom Assignments**

SI Admissions will email your classroom assignment a couple days before the testing date. There will be SI students ready to help you find your classroom that day.

[FYI: There are 3 levels to the academic school building. As an example, if you were assigned to Room  $\underline{1}15$ , your classroom would be on the first floor; if you were assigned to Room  $\underline{2}15$ , your classroom would be on the second floor; if you were assigned to Room  $\underline{3}15$ , your classroom would be on the third floor.]

#### SI as a Testing Site for the HSPT

SI is a Testing Site for the HSPT for applicants applying to SI, just as we are a Testing Site for the SAT for many of our current SI students who are applying to colleges. For the HSPT, we have tested as many as 900 students on our testing date.

#### Parents

Only students who are testing will be allowed in the school building. Please respect this policy so we can start the test promptly and finish in a timely manner. This policy insures that test security is observed and that the security of all students is maintained.

### THE TESTING CLASSROOM

#### Proctor

There will be a proctor assigned to your classroom to help you find your assigned desk, distribute and collect testing materials, and guide you through the testing instructions.

#### **Testing Materials**

We will provide all testing materials, including a test booklet that contains sample questions that will be reviewed together and the actual test questions, a separate answer sheet where you will bubble in your answer to each question with your #2 pencil, and scratch paper for you to use as needed.

#### **HSPT Sections**

The HSPT consists of 5 sections that will measure verbal skills, quantitative skills, reading, mathematics, and language.

#### Breaks

There are 2 scheduled breaks during the administration of the HSPT. Students will remain in their classroom during the breaks unless they need to use the restroom.

# DEPARTURE

**Pick Up** The students will be released to the front of the school at the conclusion of the test.

#### **Testing Hours**

The test is scheduled from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. (In past years, we have finished as early as 12:15 pm.)

## **HSPT RESULTS**

#### Early April

For applicants who test at SI, we will email the HSPT results to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the applicant in early April.