



CPS HSAT

High School Admissions Test

Definition

One test that streamlines the GoCPS application process by eliminating minimum eligibility requirements, decreasing the number of exams required, and allowing the same exam scores to be applied to the selection processes for all high school programs, where applicable.

The CPS High School Admissions Test or **HSAT** is a computer-based exam.

When do I take the CPS High School Admissions Exam?

Students take the CPS HSAT in the fall of their 8th-grade year. Current CPS students will take the exam at their school. Non-CPS students will take the exam on designated weekends in the fall and will sign up for the exam through their online application.

How can I prepare for the CPS HSAT?

CPS does not recommend, endorse, or provide study guides, test preparation courses, or sample tests/questions for the CPS High School Entrance exam. The CPS HSAT is designed to assess student ability, knowledge, and potential for success for all students in all applicable programs.

Can I take the exam more than once?

No. The CPS HSAT can only be taken once.

Who should be tested?

- **CPS (including Charters) Students**
- All CPS 8th-grade students will be tested on a school day at their school of enrollment. Students who qualify for DLM-AA are not required to test but may opt to participate.
- **Non-CPS Students**
- All non-CPS students in 8th grade who would like to apply for admission to CPS high school choice programs or selective enrollment high schools for the upcoming school year must take the HSAT at an approved testing site.
- **HSAT Tutorial Session**
- A tutorial session will be available for students to become familiar with the format of the exam. This session will be take place at the beginning of the test and does not need to be scheduled separately.

Exam Components

The CPS High School Admissions Test is made up of 2 sections: **Math and Reading**. The number of items per exam may vary but each section will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

For English Learner Students:

The CPS HSAT is offered to students to take in 6 languages.

English	Simplified Chinese
Spanish	Polish
Arabic	Urdu

HOW TO SIGN UP:

CPS (including Charters) Students: Please contact your current school if your child requires testing in a language other than English.

Non-CPS Students: Please contact the Office of Access & Enrollment if you require testing in a language other than English.

Please select carefully as your child will not be able to retest once the exam has been administered in any language.

Lottery-Based Programs:

A minimum combination of percentiles from the exam are used for selection purposes. See the school's profile pages to see the minimum requirements for specific programs.

Point-Based Programs:

Use the [Scoring Rubric on the resource page of the GoCPS website](#) to see how the percentiles convert to points for specific programs.

Scoring & Reporting

Scores for both sections will be reported as both percentiles and standard scores. All reported scores will be available for families to view in the GoCPS online portal. These scores may be included as a component of a student's GoCPS application for admission to both choice and selective enrollment high school programs. The percentiles can be converted to points using the scoring rubric found on the HS Resource page of the GoCPS website. Standard scores are used in determining tie-breakers. Please see the Guide to Tie-Breakers on the GoCPS website for more details regarding this process.

For points-based programs, each category is worth 50% of the total HSAT score. All High School programs will be out of 900 total points with HSAT making up 50% of points and 7th-grade grades making up the other 50%. See the scoring rubric for specifics.

	Reading Pts.	Math Pts.	HSAT Pts.	Grade Pts.	Total Pts.
Points-Based Program	225	225	450	450	900
	HSAT Pts.		Total Pts.		

TEST	DESCRIPTION	TIME
Reading	Most questions focus on inferring, analyzing, evaluating, and generalizing information in passages. Includes both informational and literary texts.	30 Minutes
Mathematics	Questions emphasize the ability to solve quantitative problems.	30 Minutes

1 hour