



## HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST 2022 FAQ'S

### **When is the High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered at St. Francis High School?**

The main test administration is Saturday, January 8, 2022, with a makeup test on Saturday, January 15, 2022.

### **Will the HSPT be safely administered?**

We are very cognizant of the high transmissibility of the Omicron variant and are taking every precaution to keep our students safe. There will be a maximum of 15 students in each classroom for safe spacing, and any students testing in larger spaces will have appropriate distancing. Masks will be worn at all times by students and proctors. The 15 minute break midway through testing will be administered outdoors and students will be spaced out so that they can remove their masks to have water and the complimentary snacks we provide. Hand sanitizer will be provided in each classroom.

### **What subjects are on the HSPT?**

We begin the day with a thirty-minute writing prompt designed by the St. Francis English department. Students are then tested on verbal skills, quantitative skills, reading, math, and language skills.

### **Do applicants need to study for the HSPT?**

Since the HSPT is a general knowledge test, it is not necessary to spend a lot of time preparing, though some students like to get familiar with the format. Bellarmine High School offers free online test preparation [here](#) if you'd like to see sample questions and how the test is structured. The best preparation is a good night's sleep.

### **When does the HSPT begin and end?**

We ask that students arrive on campus no later than 7:45 am. The test will begin promptly at 8:00 am and conclude at approximately 11:45 am (extended time testing concludes at 12:45 pm).

### **Where do applicants go when arriving on campus?**

Students will go to the St. Francis Campus Life Center (CLC) to get a nametag and room assignment before reporting to their assigned classroom. Ambassadors will be on campus to provide directions and accompany our guests.

### **Do applicants need to bring anything with them to the test?**

Yes, please bring two #2 pencils. We will have backup pencils for students if they forget. Our test takers will be offered water and healthy snacks during a 15 minute break mid-way through the test.

### **How are HSPT results used by St. Francis High School?**

The HSPT is not an entrance exam, it is a placement exam. It is just one piece of information we look at to begin determining what may be the best freshman courses for our students. Students who wish to have higher placements in Math and Foreign Language courses will have the opportunity to take optional challenge tests on February 26, 2022 or March 2, 2022.

**When will applicants receive their HSPT scores?**

HSPT scores will be sent with admissions letters on February 9, 2022.

**What if an applicant cannot attend the January 8th or January 15th test administration?**

We have just a few spots in an online makeup HSPT here on our campus on January 20, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.