



## HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST 2023 FAQ'S

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

The main test administration is Saturday, January 7, 2023, with a makeup test on Saturday, January 14, 2023.

### **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 Theater foyer 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.

### **May parents stay on campus during testing?**

Definitely! For the January 7th test administration we will host a Prospective Parent Town Hall at 8:00 am in the Dining Hall. At this informal gathering parents will have the opportunity to ask questions of our Principal and President, and hear current students share their best advice for transitioning to high school. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Can applicants receive testing accommodations?**

If an applicant currently receives testing accommodations, please email Director of Admissions Lisa Wilkins at [lwilkins@stfrancishs.org](mailto:lwilkins@stfrancishs.org) so that we can make arrangements for 50% extended time testing, if appropriate.

### **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 25, 2023 or March 1, 2023.

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

HSPT scores will be sent with admissions letters on February 8, 2023.

**What if an applicant needs to attend the makeup HSPT on January 14th instead?**

If you need to request the January 14th alternative testing date, you can do so by signing up for the makeup test via the checklist in the online parent portal on SchoolAdmin or by calling the Admissions department at (916) 737-5040. Space is limited for the makeup test.

**What if an applicant cannot attend the January 7th or January 14th test administration?**

We will be announcing a date the week of January 23, 2023 where a limited number of applicants will be able to take the test online at St. Francis.

**Can HSPT test scores be shared with other schools?**

Yes, if a student is also applying to Christian Brothers or other Catholic schools we are happy to share HSPT results. Please email [admissions@stfrancishs.org](mailto:admissions@stfrancishs.org) to let us know that you'd like the HSPT results shared. If your daughter takes the HSPT at Christian Brothers, please email CB to let them know that you'd like HSPT scores shared with St. Francis. Students who take the HSPT at CB will need to arrange a time to complete the writing prompt at St. Francis