

# **MAKEUP HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST 2024 FAQ'S**

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

The makeup test is administered on Saturday, January 20, 2024.

#### 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 <a href="here">here</a> 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 1:00 pm).

# Where do applicants go when arriving on campus?

Students will go to the front office and be escorted to our 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.

#### Can applicants receive testing accommodations?

If an applicant currently receives testing accommodations, please email Director of Admissions Lisa Wilkins at 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 March 2, 2024 or March 6, 2024.

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

HSPT scores will be sent with admissions letters the week of February 12, 2024.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:admissions@stfrancishs.org">admissions@stfrancishs.org</a> 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