



# CPS HS Admissions Exam



**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.

## When do I take the CPS High School Admissions Exam?

Students will 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 one time.

## HSAT Tutorial Session

- A tutorial session will be available for students to become familiar with the format of the exam.
- This session will be included at the beginning of the test and will not need to be scheduled separately.

## Exam Specifics: Computer Based Exam

TEST	DESCRIPTION	TIME	# ITEMS
<b>Reading</b>	Most questions focus on inferring, analyzing, evaluating, and generalizing information in passages. Includes both informational and literary texts.	40 Minutes	40 Items
<b>Written Expression</b>	Questions emphasize the ability to recognize the correct and effective use of Standard American English in writing.	40 Minutes	54 Items
<b>Mathematics</b>	Questions emphasize the ability to solve quantitative problems.	40 Minutes	40 Items
<b>Vocabulary</b>	Questions represent a cross section of vocabulary in general communication.	15 Minutes	40 Items
		<b>2 hours, 15 minutes</b>	<b>174 Items</b>

### Lottery-Based Programs:

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

Percentiles will be calculated for 2 sections: ELA and Mathematics.

The ELA Percentile is made up of the scores for the following exams:

- Reading
- Written Expression/ Language Arts
- Vocabulary

The Math Percentile is made up of the Mathematics exam.

### Point-Based Programs:

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

For points-based programs, each category is worth 50% of the total HSAT score. See the table below for specifics.

	ELA	Math	Total
Career Technical Education (CTE)	150	150	300
International Baccalaureate (IB)	225	225	450
Selective Enrollment	225	225	450
Service Leadership Academy	50	50	100
Hubbard- University Scholars	225	225	450
Lincoln Park- Double Honors	225	225	450
Senn Fine Arts	90	90	180
Simeon Career Academy	50	50	100