

High School Placement Test (HSPT)

The **High School Placement Test (HSPT)** is required for all current eighth-grade students applying for admission to St. Augustine High School as first-time ninth-grade students. Only applicants seeking admission for the **2027–2028** freshman class are required to complete the HSPT.

Test Date and Registration

The HSPT at St. Augustine High School is scheduled for **Saturday, January 9, 2027**.

Students who complete an application for admission to Saints are **automatically registered** to take the HSPT on our campus.

We strongly encourage applicants to take the HSPT at St. Augustine High School. Students who test at Saints receive **priority consideration** for both **admission** and **need-based tuition assistance**. In addition, only students who take the HSPT at Saints are eligible to be considered for **Saints merit-based scholarships**, which are awarded based on HSPT performance.

Testing at Another School

Students are expected to take the HSPT at their first-choice high school. However, if your family later decides to pursue enrollment at a different school, HSPT scores may be transferred.

To request that HSPT scores be sent from St. Augustine High School to another school, please contact the Admissions Office.

Likewise, if a student tests at another high school—including an out-of-state testing site—the family must contact that school's admissions office and request that official HSPT scores be sent to St. Augustine High School for consideration.

Make-Up Testing

If a student is unable to attend the scheduled HSPT on **January 9, 2027**, please contact:

Mrs. Zorinna Aceron

Director of Admissions

Email: zaceron@sahs.org

Make-up testing may be available on a limited basis.

The Role of the HSPT

The HSPT is an important component of the admissions process, but it is **not the sole determining factor** for admission. Admissions decisions are based upon a comprehensive review of each applicant.

[Parents Guide to the HSPT from STS](#)

In addition to assisting with admissions decisions, HSPT results are used to help determine appropriate freshman course placement, including mathematics and English.

Families are encouraged to regularly monitor their admissions checklist by logging into their **mySchoolApp** account throughout the admissions process.

2027 HSPT Testing Schedule

Testing Section	Time
Pre-Algebra Supplement (25 questions)	30 minutes
Break	5 minutes
Verbal Skills	18 minutes
Quantitative Skills	30 minutes
Break	5 minutes
Reading	25 minutes
Mathematics	45 minutes
Language	25 minutes

Pre-Algebra Supplement

All applicants taking the HSPT at Saints will complete a **25-question Pre-Algebra Supplement** developed by the St. Augustine High School Mathematics Department.

This assessment helps determine a student's readiness for placement in Algebra or Geometry coursework. Questions assess pre-algebraic concepts required for a first-year Algebra I course. In late April or early May admitted students will have the option to take the Algebra Proficiency Exam for math acceleration. More information on the APE will be shared at New Family Night and by email in Spring.

Test Day Information

Students should arrive on campus **no later than 7:30 a.m.** for check-in.

Testing is expected to conclude at approximately **11:30 a.m.** Please note that this is an estimated dismissal time. Actual testing times may vary depending on testing group size, the reading of directions, and the distribution and collection of testing materials.

Testing Accommodations

Students requesting testing accommodations must submit all required documentation **no later than January 5, 2027**, along with their admissions application.

Acceptable documentation includes:

- A current **Individualized Education Program (IEP)**; or
- A comprehensive private **psycho-educational evaluation** completed by a licensed psycho-educational specialist that includes:
 - Intellectual (cognitive) testing
 - Academic achievement testing
 - A formal diagnosis and written evaluation

Please note that **504 Plans alone do not qualify** for HSPT testing accommodations.

Parent Resources

A **Parent's Guide to the HSPT** published by **Scholastic Testing Service (STS)** is available to help families understand the exam format and provide testing tips.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does the HSPT impact admission to Saints?

The High School Placement Test (HSPT) is an important component of the admissions process, but it is **not the sole determining factor** for admission.

The Admissions Committee reviews each applicant holistically by considering HSPT results, report cards, teacher recommendations, and other application materials. HSPT data also helps our academic team determine the most appropriate freshman course placement. Years of

experience analyzing HSPT results allow us to place students into courses where they will be challenged, supported, and positioned for long-term success.

Is the HSPT connected to scholarships?

Yes. HSPT performance is used to determine eligibility for Saints' merit-based scholarships.

Traditionally, the **10 highest HSPT scorers** who test at St. Augustine High School are awarded the **Principal's Scholarship**. This scholarship provides a **\$10,000 annual tuition credit** for four years, for a total value of **\$40,000**.

What time will my student finish testing?

Students are expected to complete testing at approximately **11:30 a.m.** Actual dismissal times may vary slightly depending on the testing group and administration of the exam.

Where do I pick up my student?

Students should be picked up at the **main gate on Nutmeg Street** following the conclusion of testing.

My student cannot attend the scheduled HSPT. What should I do?

A make-up HSPT is not currently scheduled. If your student is unable to attend the January 9 testing date, please contact the Admissions Office **before the exam** to discuss possible make-up testing opportunities or alternative arrangements.

My student became sick on the day of the HSPT. What should I do?

Thank you for helping protect the health of our school community by keeping your son home if he is ill.

Please contact the Admissions Office as soon as possible. We will work with your family to discuss available testing options and next steps.

Are calculators or other electronic devices permitted?

No. Calculators, smart watches, phones, and all other electronic devices are **not permitted** during any portion of the HSPT.

Students should not bring calculators or rely on any electronic devices for the examination.

My student has completed the HSPT. What happens next?

Continue monitoring your admissions checklist through your **mySchoolApp** account.

If you have not already done so, schedule your student's admissions interview. Interviews are scheduled for **January 31** and may be selected directly through your mySchoolApp checklist.

Interviews typically last about **10 minutes** and allow our Admissions Team to get to know each applicant beyond the information contained in the application.

If you need to reschedule your interview, you may do so through your mySchoolApp account or by contacting the Admissions Office.

Do I need to submit report cards or teacher recommendations?

Yes. Report cards and recommendations are submitted electronically through your **mySchoolApp** account.

You will need the email addresses for:

- Your student's school registrar or front office
- Principal or school counselor
- English teacher
- Mathematics teacher

Once entered, mySchoolApp will send electronic requests directly to each individual.

I've completed every item on my admissions checklist. What happens now?

Admissions decisions are mailed in **mid-March** and will also be posted to your **mySchoolApp** account.

Your decision packet will include:

- Your admission decision
- HSPT score report
- Financial aid award notification (if applicable)
- Enrollment instructions and important next steps

If your student is offered admission, we encourage you to log into your mySchoolApp account and submit your enrollment decision as soon as possible.

When are merit scholarship recipients notified?

Students who qualify for a merit-based scholarship through their HSPT performance will be notified **by telephone and by mail during the second week of February**, prior to the release of admissions decisions.