

# 2022-2023 ADMISSIONS INFORMATION AND TESTING GUIDE

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Catholic Elementary, Middle, and High Schools in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

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# CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PROCESS: OVERVIEW FOR APPLYING TO A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

#### Criteria for Admission

Students must complete a high school's own application form. Grades, test scores, teacher recommendations and, in some cases, an interview are used in considering applications. Placement test results must be submitted to the high school before the high school application will be considered for official review, unless otherwise noted in the *Schedule of Placement Testing for All Archdiocese of Washington Catholic High Schools* (on pages 16-19 of this guide). Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School will also have income and other admissions criteria requirements pertaining to its unique work-study mission.

## **Student Recruitment**

Catholic high schools may communicate, host events and conduct activities that engage prospective students and parents/guardians in the admissions process. Catholic high schools may not communicate or conduct meetings and/or events, beginning on the date of their application deadline until their decision notification date, unless all applicants are included. Catholic high schools may conduct certain meetings and activities during this time with applicant(s) strictly for the purpose of furthering or considering a student's application for admission. Events held for the purpose of offering admission, or infer of an offer of admission, to an applicant are not permitted. For clarification about the types of activities, events, or meetings that are allowed at a particular time during the admissions cycle, please contact the Assistant Superintendent for Advancement and Enrollment Management at mccannv@adw.org.

# Communication between Catholic Schools

Communication between Catholic high schools and Catholic elementary schools is an important aspect of collaboration in support of 8<sup>th</sup> grade student matriculation into a Catholic high school. Catholic high school admission directors may communicate with elementary school principals should there be any questions pertaining to a student's application. Per ADW *Policies for Catholic Schools* (#3518), "Prior to finalizing admissions decisions and releasing decision information to families, admission directors shall contact Archdiocesan elementary school chief administrators and report admission decisions pertinent to the Catholic high school." Elementary school principals will hold all communications with admissions directors to be confidential.

# Notice of Non-Discriminatory Policy

Catholic schools admit students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. Archdiocesan schools shall not discriminate on the basis of race, sex (unless traditionally a single sex school), sexual orientation, national origin or age, in accordance to the law.

# Notice of Acceptance

Notices of acceptance or non-acceptance will be mailed via U.S. Mail to students by Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Washington on Thursday, February 16, 2023 or on Thursday, February 23, 2023. The specific notification date for each Catholic high school will be included in its admission materials. Each school will also provide students with the information to complete registration for fall 2023.

- A. Notifications will be released at 12 noon according to the aforementioned dates, by U.S. Mail.
- B. Notifications may be released electronically beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2023 or on Friday, February 24, 2023.
- C. Notifications may be released beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2023 or on Friday, February 24, 2023 by telephone call.
- D. School must disseminate all decision notifications on the same date selected by the school.

# **High School Registration**

**Upon notification of acceptance**, Catholic high schools may not require students to accept an offer of admission any earlier than Friday, March 10, 2023.

- A. A newly admitted student may elect to accept the offer of admission from a Catholic high school and register at any time.
- B. Catholic high schools may host events to welcome and provide additional information to newly admitted students; however, registration may not be the purpose of such events.
- C. Catholic high schools may request students who have been offered a merit scholarship to notify the school of their intention to decline the scholarship, as soon as possible.

#### Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance

Each high school and the Archdiocese of Washington offer a variety of tuition assistance and scholarship programs. Applying for tuition assistance has no bearing on whether a student is admitted to a school. Tuition assistance application deadlines are as early as December, so families will know their tuition assistance grants in the same timeframe and when they receive their decision notification letters from high schools.

TADS administers the application process for the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program. The TADS Application Form for the 2023-2024 school year must be completed and submitted to TADS by **December 2**, **2022**, for families applying for tuition assistance from the archdiocese for a high school student. The form may be obtained in October 2022 at www.adwcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance. Please note that online applications for tuition assistance are preferred. All tuition assistance obtained through the archdiocese is based on financial need. Archdiocesan tuition assistance is open only to students currently enrolled in or applying to Catholic schools located in the archdiocese, which includes Washington, DC and the five Maryland counties of Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, and St. Mary's.

Archdiocesan tuition assistance decision letters will be delivered via email to all applicants on Friday, February 24, 2023. Catholic high schools will be provided with access to the archdiocesan tuition assistance award report for their school no later than Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Catholic high schools may not disclose archdiocesan tuition assistance decisions prior to applicants receiving their decision letter from the archdiocese.

For help with tuition assistance, funding, and education resources, please call 301-853-5356, or send a message to tuitionassistanceprogram@adw.org.

This document is intended for the internal communication between Archdiocesan elementary schools and Catholic high schools in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. By signature, the schools acknowledge their commitment to abide by the guidelines and dates provided herein.

# CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL VISITS TO CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

#### Overview

In accordance with the *Protocol for Catholic High School Visits to Elementary Schools*, each fall, Catholic high school representatives may visit Catholic elementary schools to provide a 20-minute presentation about the high school. These visits provide Catholic elementary school 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with opportunities to learn more about the Catholic high schools in the archdiocese. The 2022 Catholic high school visit schedule will be completed for in person visits. Schools that prefer virtual visits should coordinate directly with the appropriate school to modify arrangements.

The high school visit program exists through a mutual agreement between the Elementary School Principals Association and the High School Principals Association. The schedule for the visits is prepared during the summer, in consultation with Catholic elementary school principals and Catholic high school admissions directors. In an effort to minimize the interruption of instructional time, Catholic elementary schools will host a minimum of fourteen Catholic high school visits from Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Washington. The Catholic Schools Office facilitates preparation of the schedule for these visits. High school visits are conducted at elementary schools in the fall, typically from mid-September through late October.

## Protocol for Visits to Catholic Elementary Schools

# **Guidelines for Catholic High Schools**

- Catholic high school representatives are encouraged to conduct a visit with as many Catholic elementary schools as possible in the Archdiocese of Washington, especially schools that serve lower socioeconomic populations.
- If a school that you would like to visit is not included in your schedule, you may feel free to contact the school principal directly in order to schedule a visit.
- Catholic high schools will collaborate with elementary schools to ensure adherence to Child Protection
  policies for safe environment.
- High school presentations should include information about:
  - o The unique Catholic identity of each high school;
  - o Academic programs, extracurricular offerings, and admissions procedures and deadlines;
  - o Financial aid and scholarships available through the school and the archdiocese, as well as the school's tuition and fees.
- The 20-minute time limit for presentations should be followed.
- If either a high school or an elementary school needs to reschedule a high school visit, the school desiring a schedule change should contact the other school to reschedule at least one week before the scheduled visit, except in cases of emergency.
- Negative comparisons to other schools should be avoided, as well as any other comments regarding other schools' perceived reputations, admissions criteria, etc.
- Giveaways of any kind (other than the application packet/brochure) are not permitted.
- High school promotional materials may be provided to the school to provide to students.
- A feedback form is available (Appendix A), but its use is optional. Please use them only if there is an
  exceptional situation or if feedback is warranted. Completed forms should be returned per the instructions
  on the form.

## **Guidelines for Catholic Elementary Schools**

- Elementary schools will allow a minimum of fourteen (14) high schools from the Archdiocese of Washington to provide a visit with students.
- Elementary schools may select high schools to invite to visit students. If a high school is unable to accept an elementary school invitation, the visit may count toward the fourteen-school minimum at the discretion of the elementary school principal.
- Elementary schools should have students ready for the high school presentation at the scheduled time.
- Elementary schools will collaborate with high schools to ensure adherence to Child Protection policies for safe environment.
- A faculty member from the elementary school should be present for the entire length of the high school presentation.
- Principals should attend some of the presentations.
- If an elementary school has a concern about any aspect of a high school's presentation, the principal should bring the concern to the attention of the high school's admissions director or president.
- Elementary school faculty and staff are asked not to wear promotional apparel of Catholic high schools during high school visits.
- A Catholic high school from another (arch)diocese may conduct a visit for an archdiocesan elementary school at the discretion of the elementary school principal. Elementary school principals and classroom teachers must ensure that visiting high schools adhere to the same guidelines provided for the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic high schools.
- Non-Catholic schools are not permitted to visit archdiocesan elementary schools.
- A feedback form is available (Appendix A), but its use is optional. Please use them only if there is an exceptional situation or if feedback is warranted. Forms are to be completed, according to the instructions provided on the form.

Catholic high school visit schedules will be provided in mid-August 2022. If you have any questions regarding the protocol for the high school visits, please contact the Assistant Superintendent for Advancement and Enrollment Management at <u>mccannv@adw.org</u>.

#### ELECTRONIC MARKETING

Catholic high schools that utilize student/parent email addresses that are provided by the Catholic Schools Office must ensure that all unsolicited communications provide an "opt out" feature for the recipient. If a recipient elects to opt out, the Catholic high school must ensure that the recipient does not receive additional electronic communications from the school unless requested.

# High School Placement Test (HSPT) Information

# **HSPT** Overview and Background

The High School Placement Test (HSPT) is a five-part multiple-choice test of verbal, quantitative, reading, mathematics, and language arts skills. The exam takes 3 hours to administer, this includes two short breaks and 30 minutes for distributing and collecting the answer sheets and test booklets. Subtests and standard testing time limits are as follows: 16 minutes for verbal ability; 30 minutes for quantitative ability; 25 minutes for reading achievement; 45 minutes for mathematics achievement; and 25 minutes for language arts.

Scholastic Testing Service, Inc. (STS) first developed the HSPT in 1955. Since that time, STS has revised the HSPT annually in order to ensure its effectiveness for the schools using the test. The HSPT scores are one factor that 11 of the Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Washington consider when reviewing students' applications to their schools, although schools elsewhere also use this test to assist with educational diagnosis and awarding of scholarships. The Archdiocese of Baltimore and the Diocese of Arlington both utilize the HSPT for admissions purposes, and we have worked closely to align materials and procedures with these dioceses. For more information about STS and the HSPT, please visit the STS website *getting to Know STS* at <a href="www.ststesting.com">www.ststesting.com</a>. For information about preparing for the HSPT, see the subsequent section of this guide titled *HSPT Preparation Recommendations and Resources*.

# Registration Process for Students Attending Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools Administering the High School Placement Test

The HSPT for students attending Archdiocese of Washington Catholic schools will be administered at their schools on **Wednesday, November 30, 2022.** All students attending a Catholic elementary school must register to take the HSPT through their elementary schools by completing the *online HSPT Registration Form*. Only students applying to Catholic high schools that require the HSPT are required to register to take the test.

Principals in Archdiocese of Washington schools share the web link to the *online HSPT Registration Form* with the parents/guardians of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Parents/guardians complete registration and payment for the test online, and a confirmation letter is sent to the parent/guardian's email address.

Online test registration for the HSPT opens on Monday, October 3, 2022. Test registration and payment must be submitted by Friday, November 18, 2022. The registration fee is based on the number of HSPT schools to which a student will apply:

• \$67.50: test scores are sent to up to four schools in the Archdiocese of Washington. Students interested in sending their score report to more than four schools should email <a href="https://hspt@adw.org">hspt@adw.org</a> for instructions and assistance.

#### Please note the following fees for additional school selections:

• +\$15: test score is sent to one additional school in the Archdiocese of Baltimore or the Diocese of Arlington.

#### **Accommodations**

Students requiring testing accommodations must have appropriate documentation on file with the school. This documentation must include a current (within three years) diagnosis of an existing disability that was derived from a comprehensive evaluation conducted by certified professionals. This documentation should be available for review by the Director for Special Education, upon request.

# **HSPT** Online

The HSPT Online is an option for schools that do not provide in person testing. The school will be responsible for providing the proctored HSPT online. The test is completely web-based, so students can test remotely on any device. No software requirements or downloads required, only an internet connection is needed to test. For more information, please contact Anna Quattrone at quattrone@adw.org

# **High School Choice(s)**

Archdiocesan elementary school principals will provide 8<sup>th</sup> grade students an *Authorization to Release Records* form to be completed and returned to the student's classroom teacher. Parents/guardians must:

- Indicate the schools on the form to which their child intends to apply for admission in fall 20231;
- Sign the form authorizing the elementary school to release their child's records to the schools; and
- Return the form with the HSPT registration confirmation letter to the child's 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher by **Monday**, **November 213, 20202.**

In addition to completing the *Authorization to Release Records* form, school selections must also be submitted on the *online HSPT Registration Form* during the High School Choice window. *The online form* identifies the Catholic high schools in the archdiocese that use the HSPT as part of their admissions process. Students and their parents/guardians select the high schools to receive the results of the HSPT online. The High School Choice(s) window opens on **Monday, November 23, 20203**, 2022 and closes on Sunday, December 113, 20220. If changes are made to high school selections provided on the *Authorization to Release Records* form, the form must be updated and re-submitted to the child's 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.

# Test Date and Make-Up Testing

To reschedule due to illness, parents/guardians must contact the school principal. The make-up test may be scheduled on or before December 75, 20220. For an extended illness, parents/guardians must send a request to HSPT@adw.org, to register for the January make-up test.

# Registration Process for Students Not Attending Catholic Schools Administering The High School Placement Test

All students must register to take the HSPT. **No walk-ins are permitted**. Registration deadlines are noted below. Students attending schools that do not administer the HSPT may (1) register and pay for the HSPT online at <a href="https://www.adwcatholicshools.org">www.adwcatholicshools.org</a> or (2) complete the HSPT Registration Form available online or from any Catholic high school in the archdiocese, and mail the form with the registration fee (check or money order). Please note the fee schedule to send test scores:

**\$67.50**: test scores are sent to up to four schools in the Archdiocese of Washington. Students interested in sending their score report to more than four schools should email <a href="mailto:hspt@adw.org">hspt@adw.org</a> for instructions and assistance.

#### Please note the following fees for additional school selections:

• +\$15: test score is sent to one additional school in the Archdiocese of Baltimore or the Diocese of Arlington.

# **HSPT** Registration for Non-Attending Students

Registration closes the Sunday prior to the test date.

Test Date
Saturday, December 35, 20220
Saturday, December 102, 20220
\*Saturday, January 7, 2023

Registration Deadline

Sunday, November 279, 20220 Sunday, December 64, 2022 Friday, December 20, 20220.

\*The third test date is a make-up date on Saturday, January 97, 20231. Students who miss the December test dates due to illness will get priority seating for the make-up test date. Registration for the make-up test date will open on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. The completed HSPT registration (including payment) must be received by Wednesday, 30, 2020. Friday, December 30, 2022.

# **High School Choice(s)**

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The *online HSPT Registration Form* identifies the Catholic high schools in the archdiocese that use the HSPT as part of their admissions process. Students and their parents/guardians select the high schools to receive the results of the HPST online. 132The High School Choice(s) window opens on **Monday, November 23, 2020.** High school selections must be made online before the close of the High School Choice(s) window on **Sunday, December 131, 20220.** 

# Testing Dates, Times and Locations

The HSPT for students not attending Catholic schools is administered from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Saturday December 35, 20220 and Saturday, December 102, 20220 at the following locations: **32** 

Academy of the Holy Cross
Archbishop Carroll High School
Bishop McNamara High School
DeMatha Catholic High School
Elizabeth Seton High School
Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School
Gonzaga College High School
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
St. John's College High School
St. Mary's Ryken High School
St. Vincent Pallottti High School

4920 Strathmore Ave., Kensington, MD 4300 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, DC

6800 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD 4313 Madison Street, Hyattsville, MD

5715 Emerson Street, Bladensburg, MD

1524 -35th Street NW, Washington, DC

19 I (Eye) Street NW, Washington, DC

17301 Old Vic Boulevard, Olney, MD

2607 Military Road NW, Washington, DC 22600 Camp Calvert Road, Leonardtown, MD

113 St. Mary's Place, Laurel, MD

# Make-Up Test Date: Saturday, January 97, 20231

Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School Our Lady of Good Counsel High School St. John's College High School Academy of the Holy Cross 1524 -35<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC 17301 Old Vic Boulevard, Olney, MD 2607 Military Road NW, Washington, DC 4920 Strathmore Ave., Kensington, MD

Archbishop Carroll High School Gonzaga College High School St. Mary's Ryken High School 4300 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, DC 19 I (Eye) Street NW, Washington, DC 2600 Camp Calvert Road, Leonardtown, MD

# **Severe Weather Postponements**

Severe weather make-up test dates will apply only when severe weather requires the Catholic Schools Office to postpone a test. Delays or postponements will be announced on radio and TV. Please call 301-853-5387 for testing updates. Please listen to the news or visit <a href="www.adwcatholicschool.org">www.adwcatholicschool.org</a> for weather postponement updates. Make-up test dates are as follows:

Test Date: December 53, 20220 -Severe Weather Test Date: December 120, 20220 Test Date: December 120, 20220 -Severe Weather Test Date: December 179, 20220 Test Date: January 97, 20231 -Severe Weather Test Date: January 164, 20231 \*\* Please note that in case of severe weather, all test sites will conduct testing on the make-up dates.

# Procedure for Students Who Miss Test Date Due to Illness

To reschedule a missed HSPT date due to illness, the parent/guardian must send a message to <a href="https://example.com/HSPT@adw.org">HSPT@adw.org</a>, no later than the Monday following the missed test date.

# Items Test-Takers Must Bring on the Day of the Test

Students who are registered to take the HSPT on a Saturday must bring the following items to the testing site:

- Two No. 2 pencils;
- Valid picture ID (if possible) or other appropriate personal identification documentation;
- Light snack (recommended); and
- Registration confirmation letter
- Calculator, if the student has been approved to receive this testing accommodation

## **HSPT** Online

Please visit the registration website for information and instructions about the proctored HSPT online. The test is completely web-based, so students can test remotely on any device. No software requirements or downloads required, only an internet connection is needed to test.

#### Accommodations for Students with Special Needs

The Archdiocese of Washington has an inclusive philosophy for accommodating students. All testing sites will offer both regular and accommodated testing conditions. The high school sites for HSPT will be assigned proctors from the Catholic Schools Office to provide testing accommodations.

Parents/guardians are required to provide appropriate documentation of their child's accommodation needs with their HSPT Registration Form. Documentation must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the test date in order to ensure accommodations can be arranged between the Catholic Schools Office and high school testing sites. Therefore, documentation must be received by Friday, November 820, 20220 for the December 35, 2020 testing date, and by Friday, November 257, 20220 for the December 120 20220 testing date.

Appropriate documentation may be uploaded to the registration site. Those who do not submit the appropriate documentation may not be provided testing accommodations. Parents/guardians will receive a confirmation of the approved accommodations via email from the Director for Special Education. During the admissions/enrollment process, parents/guardians should provide the high school(s) with similar information regarding their child's educational needs to ensure accurate placement.

For further information about testing accommodations, please contact the **Director for Special Education at 301-853-4569**.

# **HSPT** Testing Materials

# For Catholic Elementary Schools Administering the HSPT:

Students must complete test registration in advance. Only students registered in advance will be permitted to take the test. The Catholic Schools Office will provide a list of registered students to the school principal and test administrator, weekly via email, starting two weeks after the registration window opens, or upon request. A final list will be provided in December, after the close of the High School Choice(s) window. The list, which will include the registration confirmation ID# for each student, should be kept on file at the school. The correct confirmation ID# must be "bubbled-in" on each student's answer sheet to ensure that the students' scores are reported accurately.

STS mails HSPT order forms to Catholic elementary schools in September. Schools are advised to order enough testing materials for all students in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. Catholic elementary schools return the *Elementary Order Form* to STS by **October 830, 20220.** The Catholic Schools Office, c/o Scholastic Testing Service, Inc., will provide each Catholic elementary school with an Interpretive Manual, HSPT directions, test booklets, and answer sheets. All HSPT answer sheets, test booklets, test instructions, and related materials must be mailed to Scholastic Testing Services, Inc. before **Monday, December 5, 2022.** 

#### For Catholic High School Test Sites:

The Catholic Schools Office will provide a list of registered students to the high school test administrator, weekly via email, starting two weeks after the registration window opens, or upon request. The final list of registered students for each test site will be published on the Wednesday before the test date. Only those students who register in advance will be permitted to take the test. **No walk-ins will be accepted.** 

STS mails HSPT order forms to participating Catholic high schools in September. High schools are expected to order enough materials to satisfy the school's stated site capacity. High schools return the *High School Order Form* to STS by **October 830, 20220.** The Catholic Schools Office, c/o Scholastic Testing Service, Inc., will provide each participating Catholic high school with an Interpretive Manual, HSPT directions, test booklets, and answer sheets in November. All HSPT answer sheets, test booklets, test instructions, and related materials must be mailed to Scholastic Testing Services, Inc. before the Wednesday following each test administration.

#### **HSPT** Preparation and Resources

STS will provide all Catholic elementary schools with a supply of practice questions and general HSPT preparation information. The intention of this preparation is to apprise students and their families of the substance and process involved in taking the HSPT. While guides are available in bookstores and libraries to supplement the materials that will be provided, content preparation is not advised, as the nature of the test does not lend itself to this kind of preparation. Students should be encouraged to become familiar with the test sections and the kind of questions they will be expected to address. Parents or guardians seeking advice on HSPT preparation should be encouraged to

review guides available in local libraries and bookstores. The Archdiocese of Washington does not endorse any one guide.

## Distribution of HSPT Results

# **Catholic Elementary Schools**

STS will provide the following information, to the Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Washington:

- Alphabetical lists of students' scores, according to the accuracy of students' recording of the school code number, grouped according to the schools' directions as total grade or sections
- Performance profiles for each student tested, showing the norm-referenced scores and displaying how well students achieved on the five subtests of the HSPT
- Performance profile summaries
- Group summaries
- One set of score labels

## Parents/Guardians

All parents/guardians of students taking the HSPT in December and January will receive a copy of their child's HSPT scores via email by Thursday, January 26, 20213. On the HSPT registration form, parents/guardians may request at the time of registration to have the scores sent via U.S. Mail to the address on the registration form. All test results will be emailed and mailed on the same day from Scholastic Testing Services, Inc. Electronic results will be emailed from <a href="mailto:reports@ststesting.com">reports@ststesting.com</a>. Scores will not be released until all archdiocesan testing is completed and all scores are available for release. Catholic schools are not permitted to release students' scores.

# Catholic High Schools

STS will provide the following information to the Catholic high schools chosen by the students within fifteen (15) working days of the date that all answer sheets arrive at the STS Research Division in Earth City, Missouri:

- Alphabetical lists of students' scores, according to the accuracy of students' recording of the school code number
- Rank order lists of students' scores based on the STS HSPT composite score
- Performance profiles for each student choosing the school, showing the norm-referenced scores and displaying how well students achieved on the five subtests of the HSPT
- Performance profile summaries based on the students choosing the school
- Group summaries based on the students choosing the high school
- One set of score labels
- Student Data File (.csv) emailed to high schools

# Timeline for Catholic Elementary Schools Administering the HSPT

- June 20220: Catholic Schools Office provides the 2020-20212022-2023 High School Admissions and Testing Guide to Catholic elementary schools.
- Sept. 12: STS sends HSPT order forms to Catholic elementary schools.
- Oct. 3: HSPT online test registration opens. The special registration link is posted in mid-summer *Friday Update* and on the principals' website. <u>Principals</u> share the registration link with their 8<sup>th</sup> grade families.

  Families complete online test registration and payment. See page 6 for registration fees.
- Oct. 28: Catholic elementary schools will return the *Elementary Order Form* to STS by this date.
- Nov. 7: STS sends Catholic elementary schools HSPT test booklets, instructions and answer sheets.
- Nov 208: HSPT online registration closes.
- Nov. 23: Window for selecting High School Choice(s) opens. Families return to the HSPT registration page to make high school selections online.
- Nov 231: Students return the *Authorization to Release Records Form* to their 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher along with a copy of their HSPT registration confirmation letter.
- Nov. 302: HSPT administered in all archdiocesan elementary schools.
- Dec. 75: Catholic elementary schools forward completed HSPT answer sheets to STS, and all HSPT test booklets, test instructions, and related materials.
- Dec. 19: Confidential Student Information Form due to high schools.

  STS sends score reports to Catholic elementary schools, Catholic high schools, the Catholic Schools Office.
- Dec. 113: Window for selecting High School Choice(s) closes on this date. Window for High School choice(s) Modification closes

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Jan. 20231 STS sends all HSPT score reports to parents/guardians via electronic mail.

# Timeline for Catholic High School Testing Sites

- May 20202: Catholic Schools Office provides the 2020-20212022-2023 High School Admissions and Testing Guide to Catholic high school admission directors.
- Sept.2: Catholic Schools Office publicizes HSPT testing dates and locations
- Sept. 12: STS sends the order forms to the high schools.
- Oct. 28: Catholic high schools that serve as HSPT testing sites return the *High School Order Form* to STS by this date.
- Nov. 7: STS sends Catholic high schools serving as testing sites HSPT test booklets, instructions and answer sheets.
- Nov. 23: Window for selecting High School Choice(s) opens. Families return to the HSPT registration page to make high school selections online.
- 29Dec. 1: Catholic Schools Office sends a final alphabetical list of all students registered to take the HSPT on December 73, by test site, to the Catholic high schools serving as testing sites on December 73.
- Dec. 35: HSPT administered to students not attending Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Washington at the following Catholic high schools. Testing accommodations will be provided at all testing locations.
  - Academy of the Holy Cross
  - Archbishop Carroll High School
  - Bishop McNamara High School
  - DeMatha Catholic High School
  - Elizabeth Seton High School
  - Georgetown Visitation Preparatory High School
  - Gonzaga College High School
  - Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
  - St. John's College High School
  - St. Mary's Ryken High School

- St. Vincent Pallotti High School
- Dec. 8: HSPT testing coordinators for each of the December 5 Catholic high school testing sites provide the Catholic Schools Office with the names and titles of HSPT proctors in the payment request for their school.6007 3
- Dec. 79: Catholic high schools that served as HSPT testing sites on December 35 forward completed HSPT answer sheets to STS, and all HSPT test booklets, test instructions, and related materials.Dec. 8: Catholic Schools Office sends a final alphabetical list of all students registered to take the HSPT December 12, by test site, to the Catholic high schools serving as testing sites on December 12.
- Dec. 120: HSPT administered to students not attending Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Washington at the following Catholic high schools. Testing accommodations will be provided at all testing locations:
  - Academy of the Holy Cross
  - Archbishop Carroll High School
  - Bishop McNamara High School
  - DeMatha Catholic High School
  - Elizabeth Seton High School
  - Georgetown Visitation Preparatory High School
  - Gonzaga College High School
  - Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
  - St. John's College High School
  - St. Vincent Pallotti High School
- Dec. 113: Window for selecting High School Choice(s) closes on this date. Window for High School choice(s) Modification closes.
- Dec. 146: HSPT testing coordinators for each of the December 102 Catholic high school testing sites provide the Catholic Schools Office with the names and titles of HSPT proctors in the payment request for their school.
- Dec. 146: Catholic high schools that served as HSPT testing sites on December 120 forward completed HSPT answer sheets to STS, and all HSPT test booklets, test instructions, and related materials.
- Early Jan.: STS sends score reports to Catholic high schools and the Catholic Schools Office.
- Jan. 20213: STS sends all HSPT score reports to parents/guardians via electronic mail.

# Timeline for Students Not Attending a Catholic School Administering The High School Placement Test

- Oct. 3: HSPT online registration opens at <a href="https://www.adwcatholicschools.org">www.adwcatholicschools.org</a>
- Nov. 29: Online registration and payment deadline for the December 5 test. See page 7 for registration fees.
  - Registration confirmation and pre-test information emailed upon receipt of registration and payment.
- Dec. 5: HSPT is administered to students not attending Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Washington at the following Catholic high schools. Testing accommodations will be provided at all testing locations:
  - Academy of the Holy Cross
  - Archbishop Carroll High School
  - Bishop McNamara High School
  - DeMatha Catholic High School
  - Elizabeth Seton High School
  - Georgetown Visitation Preparatory High School
  - Gonzaga College High School
  - Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
  - St. John's College High School
  - St. Mary's Ryken High School
  - St. Vincent Pallotti High School
- Dec. 6: Online registration and payment deadline for the December 12 test.
  - Registration confirmation and pre-test information emailed upon receipt of registration and payment.
- Dec. 12: HSPT is administered to students not attending Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Washington at the following Catholic high schools. Testing accommodations will be provided at all testing locations:
  - Archbishop Carroll High School
  - Bishop McNamara High School

- Elizabeth Seton High School
- St. John's College High School
- St. Vincent Pallotti High School

Dec. 18: Window for selecting High School Choice(s) closes on this date.

Early Jan. STS sends score reports to the Catholic high schools and Catholic Schools Office on or about these

dates

Jan. 2021: STS sends all HSPT score reports to parents/guardians via electronic mail.

# Schedule of Placement Testing for All Archdiocese of Washington Catholic High Schools

High schools will host the administration of the placement test on the date shown. Results from the placement test must be submitted to the high school before the

	school application is considered for official review	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL	NAME OF PLACEMENT TEST	TEST DETAILS AND CONTACT INFORMATION
Academy of the Holy Cross 4920 Strathmore Avenue Kensington, MD 20895	High School Placement Test (HSPT®)  The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.	Test Date: December 5 and December 123 Online Registration: October 3 – November 27, 20220 https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/ Contact: Ms. Barbara Murray Director of Admissions (301) 929-6477 bmurray@academyoftheholycross.org
Archbishop Carroll High School 4300 Harewood Road, NE Washington, DC 20017	High School Placement Test (HSPT®)  The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.	Test Date: December 5 and December 102 Online Registration: October 3 – December 4, 2022 https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/ Contact: Ms. Judith Condezo Director of Admissions (202) 529-0900, Ext. 135 jcondezo@achs.org

<b>Bishop McNamara High School</b> 6800 Marlboro Pike Forestville, MD 20747-3270	High School Placement Test (HSPT®)  The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.	Test Date: December 5 and December 102 Online Registration: October 3 – December 4, 2022 <a href="https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/Contact">https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/Contact</a> : Ms. Kendall Isadore Director of Enrollment Management (301) 735-8401 <a href="mailto:admissions@bmhs.org">admissions@bmhs.org</a>
Brookewood School 10401 Armory Avenue Kensington, MD 20895	No placement testing required.	Contact: Mrs. Helen Williams Department of Admissions (301) 949-7997 hwilliams@brookewood.org
Connelly School of the Holy Child 9029 Bradley Boulevard Potomac, MD 20854	Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT)  Only SSAT results are accepted with student applications. Students may take the test at any SSAT test location.  Alternate standardized test results may be submitted upon approval by the admissions office.	Online Registration: Starting August 1st http://ssat.org/test/registration Contact: Ms. Meghan Cross Enrollment Management mcross@holychild.org
NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL	NAME OF PLACEMENT TEST	TEST DETAILS AND CONTACT INFORMATION
DeMatha Catholic High School 4313 Madison Street Hyattsville, MD 20781	High School Placement Test (HSPT®)  The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.	Test Date: December 5 and December 123 Online Registration: October 3 – November 27, 20220 https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/ Contact: Mr. Patrick Goulden Office of Admissions (240) 764-2211 pgoulden@dematha.org

Elizabeth Seton High School 5715 Emerson Street Bladensburg, MD 20710	High School Placement Test (HSPT®)  The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.	Test Date: December 5 and December 102 Online Registration: October 3 – December 4, 2022 <a href="https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/Contact">https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/Contact</a> : Ms. Rosalyn Cruz Admissions Office (301)-864-4532 <a href="mailto:rcruz@setonhs.org">rcruz@setonhs.org</a>
Georgetown Preparatory School 10900 Rockville Pike N. Bethesda, MD 20852	Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT)  Only SSAT results are accepted with student applications. Students may take the test at any SSAT test location.	Online Registration: Starting August 1st
Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School 1524 35th Street, NW Washington, DC 20007	High School Placement Test (HSPT®)  The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.	Test Date: December 5 and December 123 Online Registration: October 3 – November 27, 20220 <a href="https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/Contact:">https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/Contact:</a> Mrs. Janet Donnelly Keller Department of Admissions (202) 337-3350, ext. 2241 <a href="mailto:ikeller@visi.org">ikeller@visi.org</a>

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL	NAME OF PLACEMENT TEST	TEST DETAILS AND CONTACT INFORMATION
Gonzaga College High School 19 Eye Street, NW Washington, DC 20001	High School Placement Test (HSPT®)  The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.	Test Date: December 5 and December 123 Online Registration: October 3 – November 27, 20220 https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/ Contact: Mr. Andrew Battaile Office of Admissions (202) 336-7101 abattaile@gonzaga.org

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School 17301 Old Vic Boulevard Olney, MD 20832	High School Placement Test (HSPT®)  The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.	Test Date: December 5 and December 123 Online Registration: October 3 – November 27, 20220 https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/ Contact: Ms. Maria Nicholas Office of Admissions (240) 283-3230 mnichols@olgchs.org
St. Anselm's Abbey School 4501 South Dakota Ave. NE Washington, DC 20017	Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT 8) and School and College Ability Test (SCAT)	Test Date: Certain Saturdays (TBD) and by appointment Online Registration: http://www.saintanselms.org/ Contact: Mr. Patrick Granfield Admissions Office (202)269-2379 pgranfield@saintanselms.org
St. Mary's Ryken High School 22600 Camp Calvert Road Leonardtown, MD 20650	High School Placement Test (HSPT®)  The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.	Test Date: December 5 and December 123 Online Registration: October 3 – November 27, 20220 https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/ Contact: Ms. Amy Cricchi Admissions Office (301) 373-4183 admissions@smrhs.org

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St. John's College High School 2607 Military Road, NW Chevy Chase, DC 20015	High School Placement Test (HSPT®)  The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.	Test Date: December 5 and December 102 Online Registration: October 3 – December 4, 2022 <a href="https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/">https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/</a> Contact: Mrs. Susie Hinton Director of Admissions 202-363-2316 ext. 1070 <a href="mailto:shinton@stjohnschs.org">shinton@stjohnschs.org</a>
St. Vincent Pallotti High School 113 St. Mary's Place Laurel, MD 20707	High School Placement Test (HSPT®)  The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.	Test Date: December 5 and December 102 Online Registration: October 3 – December 4, 2022 <a href="https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/Contact">https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/Contact</a> : Ms. Shaelon English Department of Admissions (301) 725-3228 Ext. 2202 <a href="mailto:senglish@pallottihs.org">senglish@pallottihs.org</a>
Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart 9101 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD 20814	In-House Assessment	Contact:  Ms. LaRita Gordon Admissions Office (301) 657-4322, ext. 321 admissions@stoneridgeschool.org
The Avalon School 200 West Diamond Avenue Gaithersburg, MD 20877	No placement testing required.	Contact: Mr. Istvan Teleki Office of Admissions (301) 963-8022 iteleki@avalonschools.org