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**ADMISSIONS INFORMATION  
AND TESTING GUIDE**

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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](mailto: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 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.

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## 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.adwcatholicsschools.org/tuition-assistance](http://www.adwcatholicsschools.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 email [tuitionassistanceprogram@adw.org](mailto:tuitionassistanceprogram@adw.org).

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# 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:
  - The unique Catholic identity of each high school;
  - Academic programs, extracurricular offerings, and admissions procedures and deadlines;
  - 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.

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## **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* [mccannv@adw.org](mailto:mccannv@adw.org).

## **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.

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# 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 [www.ststesting.com](http://www.ststesting.com). 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 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 [hspt@adw.org](mailto:hspt@adw.org) 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.

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## 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.

## 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 2023;
- 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 21, 2022**.

In addition to completing the *Authorization to Release Records* form, school selections must also be submitted on the *online HSPT Registration Form*. 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. The High School Choice(s) window opens at the same time as registration, Monday, October 3, 2022 and closes on Sunday, December 11, 2022. 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 5, 2022.** For an extended illness, parents/guardians must send a request to [HSPT@adw.org](mailto: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 [www.adwcatholicshools.org](http://www.adwcatholicshools.org) 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 [hspt@adw.org](mailto:hspt@adw.org) for instructions and assistance.

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## HSPT Registration for Non-Attending Students

Registration closes the Sunday prior to the test date.

### Test Date

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Saturday, December 10, 2022

\*Saturday, January 7, 2023

### Registration Deadline

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Friday, December 20, 2022

\*The third test date is a **make-up date on Saturday, January 7, 2023**. 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 Friday, December 30, 2022**.

## High School Choice(s)

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 HSPT online. The High School Choice(s) window opens at the same time as registration, Monday, October 13, 2022. Students and their parents/guardians select the high schools to receive the results of the HSPT. High school selections must be finalized before the close of the High School Choice(s) window on **Sunday, December 11, 2022**.

## 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 3, 2022 and Saturday, December 10, 2022 at the following locations:

### Saturday, December 3, 2022

Academy of the Holy Cross	4920 Strathmore Ave., Kensington, MD
DeMatha Catholic High School	4313 Madison Street, Hyattsville, MD
Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School	1524 -35 <sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC
Gonzaga College High School	19 I (Eye) Street NW, Washington, DC
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School	17301 Old Vic Boulevard, Olney, MD
St. Mary's Ryken High School	22600 Camp Calvert Road, Leonardtown, MD

### Saturday, December 10, 2022

Archbishop Carroll High School	4300 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, DC
Bishop McNamara High School	6800 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD
Elizabeth Seton High School	5715 Emerson Street, Bladensburg, MD
St. John's College High School	2607 Military Road NW, Washington, DC
St. Vincent Pallotti High School	113 St. Mary's Place, Laurel, MD

### Make-Up Test Date: Saturday, January 7, 2023

Bishop McNamara High School	6800 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD
Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School	1524 -35 <sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School	17301 Old Vic Boulevard, Olney, MD
St. Mary's Ryken High School	2600 Camp Calvert Road, Leonardtown, MD

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## 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 [www.adwcatholicsschool.org](http://www.adwcatholicsschool.org) for weather postponement updates. Make-up test dates are as follows:

Test Date: December 3, 2022      -Severe Weather Test Date: December 10, 2022  
Test Date: December 10, 2022      -Severe Weather Test Date: December 17, 2022  
Test Date: January 7, 2023      -Severe Weather Test Date: January 14, 2023  
*\*\* 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 [HSPT@adw.org](mailto:HSPT@adw.org), 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

## 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 18, 2022 for the December 3, 2021 testing date, and by Friday, November 25, 2022 for the December 110 2022 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 28, 2022**. 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 28, 2022**. 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.

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## 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, 2023. 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 [reports@ststesting.com](mailto:reports@ststesting.com). 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*

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## Timeline for Catholic Elementary Schools Administering the HSPT

- June 2022: Catholic Schools Office provides the *2022-2023 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. Principals 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 18: HSPT online registration closes.
- Nov 21: 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. 30: HSPT administered in all archdiocesan elementary schools.
- Dec. 5: Catholic elementary schools forward completed HSPT answer sheets to STS, and all HSPT test booklets, test instructions, and related materials.
- Dec. 9: *Confidential Student Information Form* due to high schools.  
  
STS sends score reports to Catholic elementary schools, Catholic high schools, the Catholic Schools Office.
- Dec. 11: Window for High School choice(s) Modification closes
- Jan. 2023 STS sends all HSPT score reports to parents/guardians via electronic mail.

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## Timeline for Catholic High School Testing Sites

- June 2022: Catholic Schools Office provides the *2022-2023 High School Admissions and Testing Guide* to Catholic high school admission directors.
- Sept. 2022: 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
- Nov. 7: STS sends Catholic high schools serving as testing sites HSPT test booklets, instructions and answer sheets.
- Nov. 29: Catholic Schools Office sends a final alphabetical list of all students registered to take the HSPT on December 3, by test site, to the Catholic high schools serving as testing sites on December 3.
- Dec. 3: 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
  - DeMatha Catholic High School
  - Georgetown Visitation Preparatory High School
  - Gonzaga College High School
  - Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
  - St. Mary's Ryken High School
- Dec. 6: Catholic Schools Office sends a final alphabetical list of all students registered to take the HSPT December 10, by test site, to the Catholic high schools serving as testing sites on December 10.
- Dec. 7: HSPT testing coordinators for each of the December 3 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. 7: Catholic high schools that served as HSPT testing sites on December 3 forward completed HSPT answer sheets to STS, and all HSPT test booklets, test instructions, and related materials.
- Dec. 10: 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:
- Archbishop Carroll High School
  - Bishop McNamara High School
  - Elizabeth Seton High School
  - St. John's College High School
  - St. Vincent Pallotti High School
- Dec. 11: Window for High School choice(s) Modification closes.

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- Dec. 14: HSPT testing coordinators for each of the December 10 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. 14: Catholic high schools that served as HSPT testing sites on December 10 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. 2023: 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 [www.adwcatholicschools.org](http://www.adwcatholicschools.org)
- Nov. 28: Online registration and payment deadline for the December 5 test. See page 6 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
  - DeMatha Catholic High School
  - Georgetown Visitation Preparatory High School
  - Gonzaga College High School
  - Our Lady of Good Counsel High School
  - St. Mary's Ryken High School
- Dec. 5: Online registration and payment deadline for the December 11 test. See page 6 for registration fees.  
Registration confirmation and pre-test information emailed upon receipt of registration and payment.
- Dec. 11: 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. 12: Window for High School choice(s) Modification closes.
- Early Jan. STS sends score reports to the Catholic high schools and Catholic Schools Office on or about these dates
- Jan. 2022: STS sends all HSPT score reports to parents/guardians via electronic mail.

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## 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 high school application is considered for official review, unless otherwise noted.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL	NAME OF PLACEMENT TEST	TEST DETAILS AND CONTACT INFORMATION
<p><b>Academy of the Holy Cross</b> 4920 Strathmore Avenue Kensington, MD 20895</p>	<p><b>High School Placement Test (HSPT®)</b></p> <p><i>The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.</i></p>	<p><b>Test Date: December 3</b> <i>Online Registration:</i> October 3 – November 27, 2022 <a href="https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/">https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/</a> <i>Contact:</i> Ms. Barbara Murray Director of Admissions (301) 929-6477 <a href="mailto:bmurray@academyoftheholycross.org">bmurray@academyoftheholycross.org</a></p>
<p><b>Archbishop Carroll High School</b> 4300 Harewood Road, NE Washington, DC 20017</p>	<p><b>High School Placement Test (HSPT®)</b></p> <p><i>The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.</i></p>	<p><b>Test Date: December 10</b> <i>Online Registration:</i> October 3 – December 4, 2022 <a href="https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/">https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/</a> <i>Contact:</i> Ms. Judith Condezo Director of Admissions (202) 529-0900, Ext. 135 <a href="mailto:jcondezo@achs.org">jcondezo@achs.org</a></p>
<p><b>Bishop McNamara High School</b> 6800 Marlboro Pike Forestville, MD 20747-3270</p>	<p><b>High School Placement Test (HSPT®)</b></p> <p><i>The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.</i></p>	<p><b>Test Date: December 10</b> <i>Online Registration:</i> October 3 – December 4, 2022 <a href="https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/">https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/</a> <i>Contact:</i> Ms. Kendall Isadore Director of Enrollment Management (301) 735-8401 <a href="mailto:admissions@bmhs.org">admissions@bmhs.org</a></p>
<p><b>Brookewood School</b> 10401 Armory Avenue Kensington, MD 20895</p>	<p>No placement testing required.</p>	<p><i>Contact:</i> Mrs. Helen Williams Department of Admissions (301) 949-7997 <a href="mailto:hwilliams@brookewood.org">hwilliams@brookewood.org</a></p>
<p><b>Connelly School of the Holy Child</b> 9029 Bradley Boulevard Potomac, MD 20854</p>	<p><b>Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT)</b></p> <p>Only SSAT results are accepted with student applications. Students may take the test at any SSAT test location.</p> <p>Alternate standardized test results may be submitted upon approval by the admissions office.</p>	<p><i>Online Registration:</i> Starting August <a href="http://ssat.org/test/registration">http://ssat.org/test/registration</a> <i>Contact:</i> Ms. Meghan Cross Enrollment Management <a href="mailto:mcross@holychild.org">mcross@holychild.org</a></p>

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<p><b>DeMatha Catholic High School</b> 4313 Madison Street Hyattsville, MD 20781</p>	<p><b>High School Placement Test (HSPT®)</b></p> <p><i>The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.</i></p>	<p><b>Test Date: December 3</b> <i>Online Registration:</i> October 3 – November 27, 2022 <a href="https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/">https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/</a> <i>Contact:</i> Ms. Arlene Reading Office of Admissions (240) 764-2214 <a href="mailto:areading@dematha.org">areading@dematha.org</a></p>
<p><b>Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School and Corporate Work Study Program</b> 1010 Larch Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912</p>	<p><b>High School Placement Test (HSPT®)</b></p> <p><i>Once students complete the application process and meet the DBCR admissions criteria, all students will be invited to interview and take this assessment exam, administered by Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School.</i></p>	<p><b>Test Date: N/A</b> <b>HSPT Optional</b> <i>Contact:</i> Ms. Amy Taylor Office of Admissions (301) 891-4750 <a href="mailto:ataylor@dbcr.org">ataylor@dbcr.org</a></p>
<p><b>Elizabeth Seton High School</b> 5715 Emerson Street Bladensburg, MD 20710</p>	<p><b>High School Placement Test (HSPT®)</b></p> <p><i>The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.</i></p>	<p><b>Test Date: December 10</b> <i>Online Registration:</i> October 3 – December 4, 2022 <a href="https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/">https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/</a> <i>Contact:</i> Ms. Rosalyn Cruz Admissions Office (301)-864-4532 <a href="mailto:rcruz@setonhs.org">rcruz@setonhs.org</a></p>
<p><b>Georgetown Preparatory School</b> 10900 Rockville Pike N. Bethesda, MD 20852</p>	<p><b>Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT)</b></p> <p>Only SSAT results are accepted with student applications. Students may take the test at any SSAT test location.</p>	<p><i>Online Registration:</i> Starting August <a href="http://ssat.org/test/registration">http://ssat.org/test/registration</a> <i>Contact:</i> Mr. Brett Graham Office of Admissions (301) 214-1215 <a href="mailto:bgraham@gprep.org">bgraham@gprep.org</a></p>
<p><b>Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School</b> 1524 35th Street, NW Washington, DC 20007</p>	<p><b>High School Placement Test (HSPT®)</b></p> <p><i>The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.</i></p>	<p><b>Test Date: December 3</b> <i>Online Registration:</i> October 3 – November 27, 2022 <a href="https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/">https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/</a> <i>Contact:</i> Mrs. Janet Donnelly Keller Department of Admissions (202) 337-3350, ext. 2241 <a href="mailto:jkeller@visi.org">jkeller@visi.org</a></p>

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<p><b>Gonzaga College High School</b> 19 Eye Street, NW Washington, DC 20001</p>	<p><b>High School Placement Test (HSPT®)</b></p> <p><i>The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.</i></p>	<p><b>Test Date: December 3</b> <i>Online Registration:</i> October 3 – November 27, 2022 <a href="https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/">https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/</a> <i>Contact:</i> Mr. Andrew Battaile Office of Admissions (202) 336-7101 <a href="mailto:abattaile@gonzaga.org">abattaile@gonzaga.org</a></p>
<p><b>Our Lady of Good Counsel High School</b> 17301 Old Vic Boulevard Olney, MD 20832</p>	<p><b>High School Placement Test (HSPT®)</b></p> <p><i>The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.</i></p>	<p><b>Test Date: December 3</b> <i>Online Registration:</i> October 3 – November 27, 2022 <a href="https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/">https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/</a> <i>Contact:</i> Ms. Maria Nicholas Office of Admissions (240) 283-3230 <a href="mailto:mnichols@olgchs.org">mnichols@olgchs.org</a></p>
<p><b>St. Anselm’s Abbey School</b> 4501 South Dakota Ave. NE Washington, DC 20017</p>	<p><b>Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT 8)</b></p> <p>and</p> <p><b>School and College Ability Test (SCAT)</b></p>	<p><b>Test Date:</b> Certain Saturdays (TBD) and by appointment <i>Online Registration:</i> <a href="http://www.saintanselms.org/">http://www.saintanselms.org/</a> <i>Contact:</i> Mr. Patrick Granfield Admissions Office (202)269-2379 <a href="mailto:pgranfield@saintanselms.org">pgranfield@saintanselms.org</a></p>
<p><b>St. Mary’s Ryken High School</b> 22600 Camp Calvert Road Leonardtwn, MD 20650</p>	<p><b>High School Placement Test (HSPT®)</b></p> <p><i>The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.</i></p>	<p><b>Test Date: December 3</b> <i>Online Registration:</i> October 3 – November 27, 2022 <a href="https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/">https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/</a> <i>Contact:</i> Ms. Amy Cricchi Admissions Office (301) 373-4183 <a href="mailto:admissions@smrhs.org">admissions@smrhs.org</a></p>

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<p><b>St. John's College High School</b> 2607 Military Road, NW Chevy Chase, DC 20015</p>	<p><b>High School Placement Test (HSPT®)</b></p> <p><i>The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.</i></p>	<p><b>Test Date: December 10</b> <i>Online Registration:</i> October 3 – December 4, 2022 <a href="https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/">https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/</a> <i>Contact:</i> Mrs. Susie Hinton Director of Admissions 202-363-2316 ext. 1070 <a href="mailto:shinton@stjohnschs.org">shinton@stjohnschs.org</a></p>
<p><b>St. Vincent Pallotti High School</b> 113 St. Mary's Place Laurel, MD 20707</p>	<p><b>High School Placement Test (HSPT®)</b></p> <p><i>The test is offered in multiple locations on December 4 and 11, 2021. Students are permitted to take the test only once.</i></p>	<p><b>Test Date: December 10</b> <i>Online Registration:</i> October 3 – December 4, 2022 <a href="https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/">https://adwcatholicschools.org/high-school/</a> <i>Contact:</i> Ms. Shaelon English Department of Admissions (301) 725-3228 Ext. 2202 <a href="mailto:senglish@pallottihs.org">senglish@pallottihs.org</a></p>
<p><b>Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart</b> 9101 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD 20814</p>	<p><b>In-House Assessment</b></p>	<p><i>Contact:</i> Ms. LaRita Gordon Admissions Office (301) 657-4322, ext. 321 <a href="mailto:admissions@stoneridgeschool.org">admissions@stoneridgeschool.org</a></p>
<p><b>The Avalon School</b> 200 West Diamond Avenue Gaithersburg, MD 20877</p>	<p>No placement testing required.</p>	<p><i>Contact:</i> Mr. Istvan Teleki Office of Admissions (301) 963-8022 <a href="mailto:iteleki@avalonschools.org">iteleki@avalonschools.org</a></p>

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