

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT EXAMS

Many of the top schools in Chicago base admission of placement test scores, among other things. However, attempting to navigate through the variety and requirements of these tests is a feat within itself. Utilize this table as a starting point:

	SEHS	ISEE	HSPT
Full Test Name	Selective Enrollment High School placement exam	Independent School Entrance Exam	High School Placement Test
Schools	<u>CPS:</u> Walter Payton, Northside College Prep, Jones College Prep, Whitney Young, Lane Tech	<u>Independent Private:</u> Francis W. Parker, The Latin School, Chicago Lab School, British International, North Shore Country Day	<u>Catholic:</u> Loyola Academy, St. Ignatius College Prep, Holy Trinity
Topics Covered	4 Multiple choice sections: - Math - word problems - Reading Comprehension - Language - grammar - Vocabulary NOTE: The specifics change yearly, but the test usually includes these sections	4 Multiple choice sections: - Verbal 40 questions 20 minutes - synonyms - sentence completion - Reading Comprehension 36 questions 35 minutes - humanities, science, and social studies passages - Mathematics 47 questions 40 minutes - Arithmetic - Algebra - Geometry - Quantitative 37 questions 35 minutes - higher order thinking - quantitative comparisons 1 essay 30 minutes - not scored, but sent to the schools as a writing sample	5 Multiple choice sections: - Verbal 60 questions 16 minutes - synonym/antonyms - analogies - logic - Quantitative 52 questions 30 minutes - series - geometric comparisons - number manipulations - Reading Comprehension 62 questions 25 minutes - vocabulary - humanities, nonfiction, and narrative passages - Mathematics 63 questions 45 minutes - arithmetic - algebra - geometry - Language 60 questions 25 minutes - grammar - composition - spelling

Length	2 hours 45 minutes	2 hours 40 minutes	2 hours 20 minutes
Date(s)	5 dates October - January* *only take ONE Selective Enrollment exam, even if applying to more than one Selective Enrollment school.	fall & winter (can only be taken once in a 6 month period)	one specific Saturday mid-January (can only take the exam at one Catholic school)
Locations	various schools	various schools	first choice Catholic school
Scoring	No points deducted for incorrect answers. Raw score is converted to scaled score out of 300 points.	No points deducted for incorrect answers. Raw score is converted to scaled score between 760-940 and then to Stanines 1-9 with associated percentile rankings.	No points deducted for incorrect answers. Raw score is converted to scaled score 200-800.
Ideal score	270-300 (top 10 percentile)	Stanine 8 (89-95 percentile) or 9 (96-99 percentile)	740-800 (top 10 percentile)
Scores mailed	late February Admittance is determined using a tier system (1-4 based on home zip code). Students will receive an offer from the highest-ranked school on their application for which they qualify.	You will receive your scores within two weeks after your test date. Your scores and a copy of your essay are usually sent directly to your chosen schools 1-2 weeks after your test date.	mid-February
Additional Info	$\frac{1}{3}$ of score (out of 300 points): 7th grade final grades in Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Science A = 75 points B = 50 points C = 25 points D/F = 0 points $\frac{1}{3}$ of score (out of 300 points): 7th grade Math and Reading NWAE MAP test scores Principal's Discretion in March: Up to 5 percent of total available seats for the coming year are filled per the choice of the principal at each school.	For high school admission, the Upper Level ISEE will be taken. The cost to the family is \$100-185	If the student does take the HSPT more than once, the lower score is considered to be the final score The cost of the test is included in the school's application fee
Resources	www.SelectiveEnrollment.org	www.erblearn.org	www.goramblers.org/apply www.ignatius.org/administrative/admissions

