

## 2020-2021 Information about Standardized Testing for High School Applications

*\*indicates test optional in 2021-22*

|   | High School Placement Test   | Secondary School Admission Test   | Independent School Entrance Exam  |
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| <b>Also known as</b>                        | HSPT   | SSAT  | ISEE  |
| <b>Testing website</b>                      | <a href="https://stsusers.com/stsusers/registration/static/boston.php">https://stsusers.com/stsusers/registration/static/boston.php</a>  | <a href="https://ssat.org/">https://ssat.org/</a>   | <a href="https://www.erblearn.org/parents/isee-overview">https://www.erblearn.org/parents/isee-overview</a>   |
| <b>Which area schools accept this exam?</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Austin Preparatory High School</li> <li>● Central Catholic High School</li> <li>● Notre Dame Cristo Rey HS</li> <li>● St. John's Prep*</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Austin Preparatory High School</li> <li>● Brooks School*</li> <li>● Central Catholic High School</li> <li>● The Governor's Academy*</li> <li>● Groton School*</li> <li>● Lawrence Academy – Groton*</li> <li>● Milton Academy*</li> <li>● Noble and Greenough School</li> <li>● Phillips Academy – Andover*</li> <li>● Phillips Exeter Academy*</li> <li>● Pingree School</li> <li>● St. John's Prep*</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Austin Preparatory High School</li> <li>● The Governor's Academy*</li> <li>● Groton School*</li> <li>● Milton Academy*</li> <li>● Phillips Academy – Andover*</li> <li>● Phillips Exeter Academy*</li> <li>● Pingree School</li> <li>● St. John's Prep*</li> </ul> |
| <b>Dates offered</b>                        |  | April 23, 2021<br>April 24, 2021<br>April 25, 2021<br>May 22, 2021<br>May 23, 2021<br>June 4, 2021<br>June 5, 2021<br>June 6, 2021<br>July 9, 2021<br>July 10, 2021<br>July 11, 2021  | All dates listed are for the SSAT at Home.  |

| Length of time             | 2 hours, 30 minutes to 3 hours  | 3 hours, 10 minutes  | 2 hours, 50 minutes   |
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| <b>Subjects covered</b>    | Verbal Skills<br>Mathematics<br>Quantitative Skills<br>Reading<br>Language  | Verbal<br>Quantitative (Math)<br>Experimental (not scored)<br>Reading<br>Writing   | Verbal Reasoning<br>Mathematics Achievement<br>Quantitative Reasoning<br>Reading Comprehension  |
| <b>Number of questions</b> | <b>300 questions</b><br>Verbal Skills - 60<br>Mathematics - 64<br>Quantitative Skills - 52<br>Reading - 62<br>Language - 60                 | <b>105 questions</b><br>Verbal - 30<br>Quantitative Math - 30<br>Experimental - 16<br>Reading - 28<br>Writing - 1 prompt not scored, but used by schools to assess writing skills) | <b>160 questions</b><br>Verbal Reasoning – 40<br>Mathematics Achievement - 47<br>Quantitative Reasoning- 37<br>Reading Comprehension - 36<br>Essay - 1 prompt   |
| <b>Cost of exam</b>        | \$40  | \$149  | Online Registration - \$140<br>Phone Registration - \$170   |
| <b>Scoring</b>             | Percentile<br>Scaled score ranging from 200-800   | Percentile<br>Scaled scoring from 1500 to 2400   | Percentile rankings which are then grouped into 9 percentile ranges known as stanines.  |
| <b>Other information</b>   | No penalty for wrong answers<br><br>Calculators are not allowed<br><br>All multiple choice<br><br>Retaking the test is strongly discouraged | Penalty for wrong answers: ¼ point<br><br>Calculators are not allowed.<br><br>Experimental section is not scored<br><br>Do not lose points for skipping a question                 | No penalty for wrong answers<br><br>Calculators are not allowed, <i>unless approved with specific accommodations</i><br><br>Available in both online and paper testing formats (depends on location)<br><br>ISEE at Home now an option; students take test via a secure testing application<br><br>Does not encourage multiple testing, but allows the test to be taken up to 3 times per school year |