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Why Is High School Important

- Different high schools have very different academic rigorousness. Some high schools send 25% of its graduation class to Ivy League colleges while others have very low graduation rates.
- To prepare yourself or your child for college and career success, it is important that you or your child attend a high school that prioritizes college readiness.

Getting Into High School

- A very complicated process.
- More than 400 public high schools and over 700 programs in New York City
 - Some high schools have more than one program
 - You may apply to multiple programs at the same high school
- Specialized high schools vs competitive screened programs at regular high schools
- Important to make informed decisions

Resources

MySchools (<https://www.myschools.nyc/en/>)

- New online application portal allows you to explore NYC public schools and programs, find choices for your application, and apply—all in one place.

DOE Website

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/specialized-high-schools>

Replaces previous year's SHSAT handbook and includes two sample exams

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The screenshot shows the NYC Department of Education website page for Specialized High Schools. The navigation bar includes links for Enrollment, Find a School, Learning, School Life, Get Involved, Calendar, and TeachHub. The breadcrumb trail is Home > Enrollment > Enroll Grade by Grade > Specialized High Schools. The main heading is "Specialized High Schools". Below the heading, there is a paragraph: "Current eighth and ninth grade students who live in NYC can participate in Specialized High Schools admissions during the 2023 school year. Watch our video series to learn more, and scroll down for the latest information." A video player is embedded, showing a video titled "Specialized High Schools Admissions Video Series" with a progress bar at 1 of 7. To the right of the video player is a blue sidebar with a "Call Us" button, contact information "Call Monday-Friday at 718-935-2009", a "Get Support" button, and the text "Family Welcome Center are here to help." Below the video player is a large orange graphic with the text "Learn About the Specialized High Schools!" and an image of students working on a project.

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Factors To Consider

- Travel and distance
- Specific interest and focus
 - Science & Math, Humanity, Performing Arts, etc.
- Student: Faculty ratio
- Class size
- Facility
- Graduation rate
- Matriculation/College Placement statistics
- For Private School: tuition and financial aid
- Curriculum and homework load
- Extracurricular Options

Five Admissions Paths for Students

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Specialized High School

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About The SHSAT

- SHSAT stands for Specialized High School Admissions Test
- It is currently the SOLE criteria for entry into the 8 of the city's 9 specialized high schools
 - LaGuardia is based on talent auditions

- **In fall 2022:**

Who	When	Where
Current 8 th graders in a middle school that ends at grade 8	November 17 th	At their school
Current 8 th graders in a secondary school that ends at grade 12, charter, private, independent or homeschool	November 19 th , 20 th or December 11 th	DOE Central Location: <i>District 20,21,22 – James Madison HS</i> <i>District 15 – Brooklyn Tech</i> <i>District 31 – SI Tech</i>
All 8 th grade MAKE UP	December 11 th	
All 9 th grade students	December 11 th or 17 th	

- Approximately 30,000 students take the test each year and 4,000 are offered admission. Admission to Stuyvesant is around 800 students per year.

SHSAT Scores

Specialized High School Cut-off Scores / High Scores

2022

Stuyvesant 563 / 680

Bronx Science 525 / 638

Staten Island Tech 525 / 658

HSAS @ Lehman 517 / 642

Queens Science @ York College 523 / 562

HSMSE @ CCNY 532 / 628

Brooklyn Technical 506 / 635

Brooklyn Latin 497 / 568

2021

Stuyvesant 560 / 690

Bronx Science 517 / 696

Staten Island Tech 525 / 688

HSAS @ Lehman 488 / 617

Queens Science @ York College 481 / 592

HSMSE @ CCNY 515 / 655

Brooklyn Technical 492 / 710

Brooklyn Latin 481 / 568

SHSAT – What's on the Exam

- **180 minute exam.** No breaks. Students with testing accommodations will be allowed additional time
 - IEPs will be accommodated according to the IEP
 - ELLs (includes those who became proficient in 2020 and 2021) will have 2x time.
- 57 ELA Multiple Choice questions
 - 10-12 revising / editing questions that tests your grammar knowledge
 - 7-8 revising / editing questions from 1 passage
 - 3-4 standalone revising / editing questions (standalone sentence or paragraph)
 - 45-47 reading comprehension questions across 5-6 passages that includes literature and poetry passages (traditional standardized tests have mostly non-fiction)
 - Includes 10 field questions that **do not count towards the student's score.** Students will **not** know which questions are field questions.
- 57 Math Questions
 - 5 are grid in questions. No choices provided.
 - 52 Multiple choice questions.
 - Includes 10 field questions that **do not count towards the student's score.** Students will **not** know which questions are field questions.
- All multiple-choice questions will have **4 answer choices.**

How are offers made?

- This year, at the time of exam registration, students list the Specialized Testing High Schools in priority order. These choices are final after the registration deadline: November 4th.
- After all tests are scored, students' test scores are placed in order from the highest score to the lowest score.
- Offers are made, in turn, based on
 - student's score
 - student's priority of choices
 - seat availability

Conclusion: **Please rank your choices in the order of your TRUE preference!**

Diversity Initiative - Discovery Program

- Since a few years ago, specialized High Schools now reserve 20% of their seats for Discovery Program
- To be eligible for the Discovery program, a Specialized High Schools applicant must:
 - Be one or more of the following: a student from a low-income household, a student in temporary housing, or an English Language Learner who moved to NYC within the past four years; and
 - Have scored within a certain range below the cutoff score on the SHSAT; and
 - Attend a high-poverty school. A school is defined as high-poverty if it has an Economic Need Index (ENI) of at least 60%. You can see a school's historical ENI by visiting the [School Performance Dashboard\(Open external link\)](#) and selecting the school from the list.
- Last year, we had several students who scored in the 470 and 480 range who received admissions into Stuyvesant through the Discovery Program

How is the SHSAT Scored?

Section	# of Questions	Total Raw Score	Scaled Score
Math	57	47 (1 point per question; 10 are field questions)	0 – 350 Varies by test form
ELA	57	47 (1 point per question; 10 are field questions)	0 – 350 Varies by test form

Acceptance is based on the **COMBINED** math and verbal **SCALED** scores!

Takeaways:

1. Do not spend too much time on any one question. They are all of equal value!
2. Do not leave any questions blank. There is no penalty for wrong answers.
3. Scaled scores will go through a “calibration” and a “normalization”, resulting in a non linear relationship between raw and scaled scores. 1 raw point **does not** automatically compute to 7 scaled points.

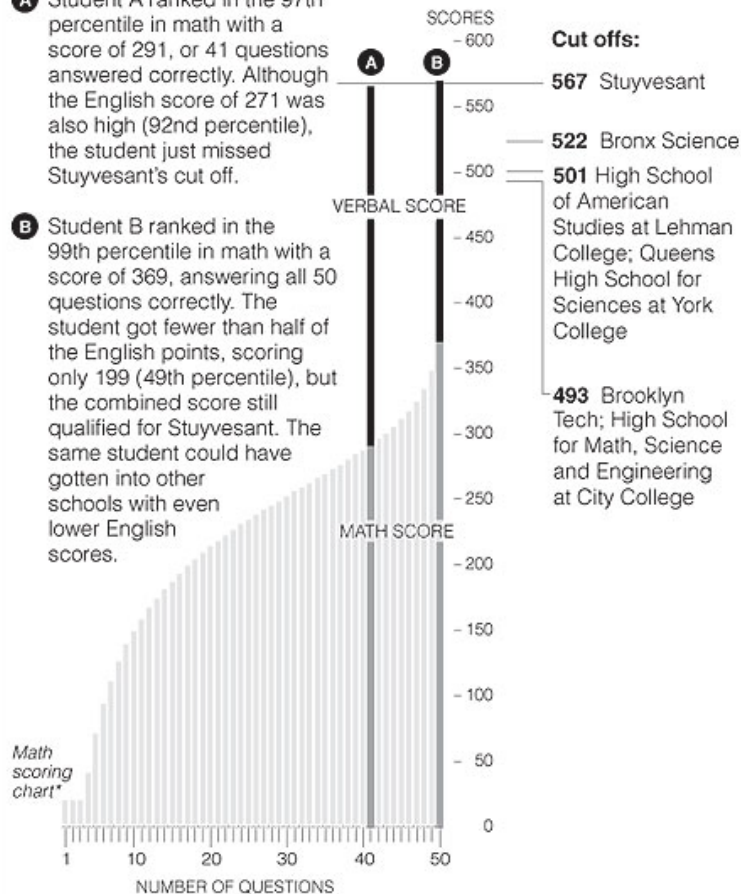
Tips for the SHSAT

Test Takers: Focus on Your Strong Suit

Admission into one of New York's specialized high schools depends on a total score — math and verbal. A student who scores extremely well in one area and poorly in another can beat out a student who scores well in both.

A Student A ranked in the 97th percentile in math with a score of 291, or 41 questions answered correctly. Although the English score of 271 was also high (92nd percentile), the student just missed Stuyvesant's cut off.

B Student B ranked in the 99th percentile in math with a score of 369, answering all 50 questions correctly. The student got fewer than half of the English points, scoring only 199 (49th percentile), but the combined score still qualified for Stuyvesant. The same student could have gotten into other schools with even lower English scores.



*Chart is based on one form of the 2004 admissions test.

- Raw score to scaled score conversion is not linear
- For example, in the middle of the range of scores, an increase of one raw score point may correspond to an increase of three or four scaled score points. At the top or bottom of the range of scores, an increase of one raw score point may correspond to 10–20 scaled score points.
- Getting close to a perfect score in either subject will translate to much higher scaled scores
- If you are very strong in one subject, focusing on that strength can really earn points

Tips for the SHSAT

- Recent changes to the exam has shown a trend of increasingly easier math sections and much more difficult ELA sections.
- A math raw score in the 35-40 range will convert to the same converted score as an ELA raw score of 25-30.
 - This shows that students are more competitive with math, all scoring pretty high. Even a few questions wrong in math can significantly decrease total score. (Don't mess up on math!)
 - Grammar questions and newly added poetry questions have proven to be extremely difficult for 8th graders. (Don't fret if ELA is too hard!)

Exam Day Tips

You MUST Bring

- SHSAT test ticket (you can print it out from MySchools after it is issued)
- Sharpened Number 2 pencils
- Eraser
- Assistive Technology (if indicated on your IEP and test ticket)

You CAN but not required to Bring:

- Highlighter
- Silent watch (that is not a calculator)
- Quiet, unwrapped snack (student can have snack before the test but NOT allowed during)
- Water

You are NOT PERMITTED to Bring:

- Cameras
- Calculators
- Smart Watches
- Electronic Devices
- Outside written materials
- Any beverage except for water

Cell Phones are permitted on site, but

- They must be turned off
- You may not have them with you during the test. They may not be in your pocket, hand or desk.

Exam Day Tips

- Rest well the night before and eat a healthy meal. Make sure to eat breakfast in the morning.
- Arrive on time at the time that is on your test ticket.
- Turn OFF your phone before you enter the building.
- If you do not feel well, DO NOT take the test. Please inform the proctor BEFORE you open the test booklet. You will be able to take the test on the make up date when you are feeling better.
- All students must stay for the entire 180 minutes. Please use extra time to check over your work.
- Make sure your answer sheet is bubbled properly, with dark circles on your choice and no stray marks. Make sure that you are bubbling the correct question. DO NOT leave all the bubbling to the end.
- Do not spend too much time on any question. Come back to it at the end of the exam. If you are out of time, put in any answer. DO NOT leave any questions blank.

Audition School

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Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts

- One of the nine specialized high schools in NYC
- Acceptance to LaGuardia High School is based on a competitive audition and review of student records. Last year 7000 students auditioned for 700 spots.
- **This year, LaGuardia audition will be due by December 1st, 2022.**
- Last year, auditions were held virtually. Student portfolios in the form of videos and documents submitted through a new online portal.

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Dance	Drama
Instrumental Music	Technical Theatre
Fine Arts	Vocal Music

Public High Schools

Please be on the look out for details for part two of our High School seminar where we will go over the regular High School Admission Process.

Thank You!



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