

# Frequently Asked Questions about the High School Placement Test (HSPT)

## *How do I register for the exam?*

Simply fill out the registration form online under the admission's tab along with the \$25 testing fee. If you prefer to pay by check, please drop it off in the front office and make the check payable to Saint Francis Catholic Academy.

## *Where will the test be given?*

High School Placement Test (HSPT) will be administered at Saint Francis Catholic Academy at 4100 NW 115<sup>th</sup> Terrace Gainesville, FL 32608.

## *How long will the test last?*

Students should arrive at 8:15am. Test time is 8:30am to approximately 11:30pm. Students will have a 10-minute snack break (Snacks will be provided) after the first three sections of the test. **No students will be admitted for testing after 8:30am.**

## *What materials will be needed?*

Saint Francis Catholic Academy will provide students with iPad's for testing. Please note that calculators are not allowed for this exam. We will also provide scratch paper and pencils.

## *What academic areas does the test cover?*

The test covers the following areas: Verbal Skills-Synonyms, Antonyms, Analogies; Mathematics-Fractions, Decimals, Basic Geometry and Word Problems; Language - Reading comprehension, Vocabulary, Grammar.

## *How does the HSPT affect my child's admission to Saint Francis Catholic Academy?*

The HSPT is only one factor considered when a student seeks admission into Saint Francis Catholic Academy. The Admissions Committee reviews student transcripts, teacher recommendations, the HSPT scores and other relevant information when considering an applicant for admissions. Students with lower than a 9th grade equivalency will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

## *How is the test evaluated?*

There is no passing grade. Scores are percentages of performances as compared to the entire group taking that same test; scores range from below average to above average in any given test area with 50% as average.

## *How long does it take for the scores to come back?*

The Scholastic Testing Service scores the tests. The schools will receive the test results in approximately two days. The student's test scores will be mailed within a week.