

About HSPT Test

The High School Placement Test (HSPT) created by Scholastic Testing Service, is a comprehensive placement test for eighth graders which high schools use to assist with their ninth grade placement process. The HSPT is a reliable assessment of the skills that are necessary for high school studies and, therefore, performance in this test can be considered as a prediction of how well students will be able to cope with the high school coursework.

For more information on the test visit the official website of STS, www.ststesting.com.

Skills Assessed by HSPT

1. Cognitive Skills:

- **Verbal Skills:** Tests skills in responding to tasks involving reasoning and usage of correct words.
- **Quantitative Skills:** This section tests skills in solving problems based on numbers and quantities by using reasoning skills. The test content used for testing quantitative skills will be from mathematics, sciences, and numbers.

2. Basic Skills:

- **Reading:** Skills in understanding ideas and interpreting meanings of words will be assessed. You will have to exhibit the abilities to identify the central idea and draw logical conclusions based on the central idea in order to achieve high reading skills score.
- **Mathematics:** HSPT evaluates skills in utilizing the basic concepts of Mathematics for solving problems by using reasoning skills.
- **Language:** You will be assessed for knowledge of grammar, spelling, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and skills in utilizing this knowledge for writing.

Method of Assessment of Skills

The HSPT is divided into test sections in such a way that it succeeds in assessing the skills of the test-taker in the most appropriate manner. It consists of 5 test sections, one for each of the skills being assessed.

1. **Verbal Skills: 60** questions based on analogies, synonyms, antonyms, logic, and verbal classifications
2. **Quantitative Skills: 52** questions based on number series, geometric, and non-geometric comparisons, geometric numbers, and arithmetical numbers
3. **Reading: 62** questions from reading comprehension and vocabulary
4. **Mathematics: 64** questions based on mathematical concepts, math problem solving, and geometry problem solving
5. **Language: 60** questions drawn from grammar, punctuation, capitalization, usage, spelling, and sentence structure.

All the questions asked are multiple-choice questions. Your raw scores for each of the test sections are based on the number of questions that you have answered correctly. There is no penalty if you have not been able to provide a correct answer to the questions asked. The raw scores are converted to scaled scores that range from 200 to 800.

HSPT Score Report as a Tool for an Analysis of Abilities

Your score report is a comparison of your score in relation to the national percentile for each of the skills being assessed. For instance, if you have a reading score of 55 on the Reading Skills test, it means that your performance in that section was better than 55 percent of the test-takers in a national sample.

The links below give information and practice material for the test.

High School Placement Test website: <http://ststesting.com/hspt/>

Free HSPT Practice Tests - Varsity Tutors:
<http://www.varsitytutors.com/hspt-practice-tests>

Free HSPT Prep - Bellarmine College Preparatory:
<http://www.bcp.org/admissions/hspt-prep/index.aspx>