

High School Placement Test (HSPT) “Remote and Online”

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

In general, how does the exam work online?

The online exam is self-guided and will be taken remotely by the applicant to SI.

Note: The actual exam is the same as the paper and pencil version that previously was taken on campus. The difference is that the HSPT will be taken online and remotely.

Can I use any device to take the exam?

Yes, any device (i.e., laptop, Chromebook, iPad) and an internet connection is all that is required.

Note: No additional software is needed. Scratch paper and pencil is recommended.

Can I take the exam from any location?

Yes, you can take the exam from any location with internet access.

Note: You will need to pay attention to the time frame given to access the exam, since the time will be Pacific Standard Time in San Francisco, California.

How do I access the exam?

You will be sent a link to access the exam online. You will also be sent a username and password to log in.

Note: If you are testing through SI, this information will be emailed to you a couple days before the December 5, 2020, testing date. If you are testing through another high school where you have applied, you will need to check with that high school for exam details.

Are there any instructions?

There is an online tutorial once you log in to the online exam.

Note: The tutorial does not count toward the time you are given to complete the exam.

How long is the exam?

The online exam is 2.5 hours with 2 short breaks.

Note: The online exam is the same time frame as the paper and pencil version that previously was administered on campus. It will be administered through SI on Saturday, December 5, 2020, beginning at 8:30 am. The HSPT is scheduled between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm (the same as when it was taken on campus). This gives you time to complete the required information before the exam begins, read the tutorial, and take breaks. You may complete the exam early as it is self-paced. However, this time frame gives you sufficient time to complete everything in a reasonable amount of time, according to the Scholastic Testing Service (STS) who publishes the HSPT.

What happens if my internet goes out during the exam?

If you lose your connection to the internet, the test “freezes” in time.

Note: When you log back in, you will be taken to the place where you left off when you lost connection to the internet.

Is there an essay component to the exam?

No, there is not an essay component.

Note: There will not be an essay given at the end of the exam as there has been in previous years.

How do I share my test results with other high schools?

On the testing day, you will indicate the high schools you would like the exam results sent to by entering the code for each high school.

Note: Some high schools have chosen not to administer the HSPT this year, so a code will not be available for those schools. Sharing of test results will only be with other high schools who have chosen to participate in administering the HSPT.

What information do I need to make sure my test results are sent to SI?

15 = Code for results to be sent to St. Ignatius College Preparatory

Note: You will enter this code in the appropriate section on the exam day.

NOTE:

- We will continue to update this HSPT FAQ's if we feel you need specific information before December.
- We will definitely email applicants with any HSPT details that we deem are needed before the December 5 testing date at SI.
- We do not want you to become anxious about the HSPT, as it is one test on one day.
- We plan to email applicants additional information the week of the test.
- We will address "what if's" when they actually occur on an individual basis, rather than worrying about internet issues that we realize may/may not occur.
- Since this online remote HSPT format is new to all of us, we encourage you to relax as we implement this online format. We will definitely be understanding and take into consideration that this online remote format is new for everyone.