

# excel test prep

## HSPT Prep Course

for high school admissions

"This course is a well thought out streamlined course that offers practical strategies for getting better scores. The teachers make it fun and easy."

Lerin R., HSPT Student



The HSPT is a nationally-recognized private, high school entrance examination available to students as part of the private school application process.

### Course Options

**Choose From 1 of 4 Course Formats**

All course options cover the same material!

	① Full Length Classroom Course	② Online Course	③ 1-on-1 Course	④ Custom Classroom Course
Format	12 sessions of 3-4 hours each: 36 hours of total class time			
	2 to 3 classes per week for 4-5 weeks	Take the classes at your own pace over 120 days.	You pick the schedule and location.	You pick the schedule and location.
How Will I Get Instruction?	Learn in a classroom setting with an instructor.	Learn whenever and wherever through unlimited access to high definition online video lessons.	Learn with a private tutor at your house.	Learn with an instructor at the location of your choice.
Pricing	\$749: early registration \$649: with 10 person group discount	\$699	\$2,499: Excel Test Main Office \$3,499: Student's home in Bay area	Call for pricing.
Additional Notes	Eligible for Group Discounts: 3-4 people: \$25 off each 5-9 people: \$50 off each 10+ people: \$100 off each	Comes with full support and all the course materials that are included with classroom courses.	Can be done in small groups. 50% off for each student after the first student.	Requires 20 students.

#### All course fees include:

- Comprehensive coverage of all the topics that appear on the HSPT
- Excel Test Prep Course Manual & books (with overnight shipping for online students)
- Computerized feedback & analysis on HSPT tests

#### 1-on-1 Tutoring:

1-on-1 Tutoring is available for all HSPT subjects. Highly qualified tutors can work with you from 10 am - 9 pm seven days a week. Tutoring offers effective, 1-on-1, customized instruction. Tutoring is available in 2 formats – in person in your home (\$129 per hour), or telephonically (combination of phone and internet communication for \$129 per hour). Purchase 10 hours of tutoring and receive a 10% discount.

#### Half Course: Single Subject 1-on-1 Preparation:

Students can sign up for a 1-on-1 course for just one HSPT Subject. Math or Verbal/Writing only: \$2,099 (students home). These options include 10 hours of structured tutoring, 2 full length practice exams, and all course materials.

**Visit our website for course schedules and details.**

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## Top 10 Reasons To Choose Excel Test

1. It's plain and simple - our classes are fun and we give out prizes to keep students excited.
2. Highly qualified, dynamic teachers keep you engaged while teaching unique strategies.
3. Our materials are based on real exams, not simulated questions.
4. You can learn your way - live, online, or with a 1-on-1 instructor.
5. Our score improvement guarantee is the best around!
6. The 6 HSPT exams give you the practice you need to really boost your scores.
7. We study the HSPT to stay current on any changes.
8. You can take the class with your friends and receive a group discount.
9. We offer great office support with staff members who are dedicated to helping you reach your goals.
10. We have served the San Francisco bay area for years and are one of the fastest growing test preparation companies in the nation.

## Course Benefits

**COMPUTERIZED FEEDBACK!** We administer full length HSPT exams so that you may get a more accurate assessment of what your score is and what you need to work on. Excel Test provides computerized grading and feedback after each in-class HSPT exam. After you take each exam, we produce an online analysis detailing your strengths and weaknesses, pinpointing exactly where you need to pay extra attention.

**ADDITIONAL HELP!** Extra help is always available before and after each class. One-on-one tutoring is also available for a fee during and after the course.

### GROUP DISCOUNTS!\*

	Classroom Course
3-4 people	\$25 discount each person
5-9 people	\$50 discount each person
10+ people	\$100 discount each person

### DYNAMIC TEACHING!

Our courses are typically taught by three or four instructors, each an expert in his or her subject area. Our material is entirely researched and developed by the Excel Test staff and up-to-date with the latest HSPT exam changes.

The quality of any course is truly dependent on the material and the instructor involved. Most tutoring services and independent tutors offer general tutoring assistance but do not have any proprietary materials related to the HSPT nor do they really focus on strategies for test taking. Our program has all of these components incorporated as well as highly qualified instructors.

### SUPERIOR MATERIAL!

We base our course materials on real exams, including unique strategies and tips to help you excel on test day. The manuals undergo a rigorous development process with multiple revisions to make sure Excel Test Prep students receive a top-notch product. With hundreds of pages filled with sample questions and detailed explanations, the custom-designed manual forms the foundation for the Excel Test Prep HSPT course from which our teachers draw out ideas to help students masters the skills necessary to ace the HSPT.

## Sample HSPT Course Schedule

- Class 1: HSPT Exam #1
- Class 2: Language
- Class 3: Arithmetic & Geometry
- Class 4: Verbal
- Class 5: HSPT Exam #2
- Class 6: Reading Comprehension
- Class 7: Word Problems
- Class 8: HSPT Exam #3
- Class 9: Advanced Math
- Class 10: Verbal Workshop
- Class 11: HSPT Exam #4
- Class 12: Math Workshop

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\*Go to our website for complete details, eligibility requirements, and conditions.

One of the **most sought-after HSPT preparation courses** in the country, the Excel Test HSPT course was **designed from scratch** specifically for the HSPT Exam.

# HSPT test facts

**About:** The HSPT is a nationally-recognized private, high school entrance examination available to students as part of the private school application process. It is used to assist with admissions, scholarship selection, and curriculum placement. The HSPT is a comprehensive placement test for eighth graders for placement in the ninth grade.

**Governing Body:** Scholastic Testing Service (STS)

**Official Website:** <http://ststesting.com>

**Test Length:** Approx. 3 hours (with breaks)

**Test Dates & Locations:** There is no national administration of the HSPT. Check with the school to which you are applying to find out when they will be administering the test.

**Registration:** Registration is handled by individual schools; check with the school to which you are applying to find out when you should register for the exam.

**Test Fees:** The cost of the test is included in the school's application fee. Check with the school to which you are applying to find out what the fee is.

**Test Subjects & Format:** The exam covers five subject areas: Verbal, Quantitative Skills, Reading Comprehension, Mathematics Skills, and Language.

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>What It Includes</i>
Verbal	60 questions - 16 minutes	synonyms, antonyms, vocabulary, analogies, verbal logic
Quantitative Skills	52 questions - 30 minutes	number manipulation, comparison questions (geometric/non-geometric), patterns/sequences Topics covered: arithmetic, algebra, geometry
Reading Comprehension	62 questions - 25 minutes	Reading comprehension passages, central meaning (vocabulary is tested as well)
Mathematics Skills	64 questions - 45 minutes	Problem solving, mathematical concepts, arithmetic, basic algebra and geometry
Language	60 questions - 25 minutes	Grammar, punctuation

### Grading:

Raw Score:

For each question answered correctly, the student receives 1 point.

Scaled Score:

The raw score is then converted into a scaled score. Each section receives a scaled score between 200-800.

Combined Score:

To create a total combined score, the scaled scores for each section are averaged. The combined score will then also be a number between 200-800. A perfect score on the HSPT is an 800.

Percentile Rank & Grade Equivalent:

When the score is provided to the child and parents, the score report will indicate localized and national ranking. The performance level of each student will be shown as a grade equivalent.

## FAQs

**IS the HSPT standardized?** Since the HSPT is used for admission by many Catholic schools, the test is offered in customized form to those schools desiring additional admission criteria, such as mechanical aptitudes, scientific knowledge, or religious knowledge. The conventional test is consistent with state-mandated testing in the areas of language skill, vocabulary, and reading. In the mathematics sections, the test content is also consistent with state requirements in arithmetic, basic geometry and algebra.

**How many times can I take the HSPT?** You may take the HSPT only once. According to the STS website, if you take the test more than once, your lower score will be used.

**When should I start preparing for the HSPT?** Each private school will accept applications at different times; check with the school to which you are applying to find out when applications begin. Plan to prepare for the HSPT a couple months in advance so that there is plenty of time to practice!

**How much math do I need before I can start preparing for the HSPT?** The math on the HSPT covers topics from arithmetic, elementary algebra, and very basic geometry.

"I enjoyed the HSPT course because the teachers were energetic and eager. The materials provided were very useful and I improved a lot. I would definitely recommend this course."

Julia J., HSPT Student

## FAQs CONTINUED

**Is there a difference between the Verbal and Language sections?** There is a difference between the Verbal Skills sections and the Language Skills. Verbal Skills is focused upon synonyms, antonyms, analogies and logic. Language Skills, the last section of the standard version of the HSPT, is devoted to those elements associated with writing: punctuation, capitalization, usage, and spelling.

**How long does it take to get my scores back?** Check with your school to find out when they will have scores available for your student.

**What is a good score on the HSPT?** A score above 600 will generally be somewhere "above average," which means above the 80th percentile. Each individual school defines what a desirable score is for each candidate, as some schools are more competitive than others.

**What are the additional factors that play into K-12 Admissions:** Grades, OLSAT scores, teacher recommendations, interviews and other factors play important roles in admissions, as well. The interview is more important than some students might think. Prepare by coming up with answers to common questions that may be asked; even if there is no wrong answer, responses that demonstrate maturity tend to be better.

## HSPT vs. ISEE

Both the HSPT and the ISEE are nationally administered standardized tests that help private schools evaluate candidates. Below is a chart summarizing the differences:

	HSPT	ISEE
Length	approximately 3 hours	approximately 3 hours
Sections	5 test sections	5 test sections
Areas Tested	Verbal Skills, Quantitative Skills, Reading Comprehension, Mathematics, and Language	Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, Reading Comprehension, Math Achievement, and Essay
Verbal Skills (HSPT)/ Verbal Reasoning (ISEE)	synonyms, antonyms, vocabulary, analogies, verbal logic	vocabulary, sentence completion
Quantitative Skills (HSPT)/ Quantitative Reasoning (ISEE)	Question Types: number manipulation, comparisons (geometric/non-geometric), patterns/sequences Topics Covered: Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry	Question Types: word problems, number manipulation, patterns/sequences Topics covered: Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry
Reading Comprehension	reading comprehension passages, central meaning (vocabulary is tested as well)	reading comprehension passages, central meaning (vocabulary not tested)
Mathematics (HSPT)/ Math Achievement (ISEE)	problem solving, mathematical concepts, arithmetic, basic algebra and geometry	problem solving, mathematical concepts, word problems, arithmetic, basic algebra and geometry
Language	grammar, punctuation	not included
Essay	Not included	Last section 30 minutes
Scoring	Each correct answer is worth one point; the raw score is converted to a score on a scale of 200-800 (similar to the SAT).	Each section receives a stanine (scored out of 9).

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