

High School Placement Test (HSPT) Information Sheet REV. 11/2017

The High School Placement Test is a requirement for current 8th grade students seeking admission to Bourgade Catholic High School.

- Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.; testing takes approximately 4 to 4½ hours
- Students should arrive to sign-in no later than 7:45 a.m.
- The \$50.00 testing fee is payable at the door by cash, check or money order on the morning of the test; no debit or credit cards accepted for this fee.
- Pre-registration is not necessary for testing on January 12th.

One make-up test date is scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2019.

Reservations are required for this testing date.

Contact Ms. Susan Chavarria in the admissions office, at admissions@bourgadecatholic.org or **(602) 973-4000 ext. 133** to reserve a place. (See above for other specifics.)

The High School Placement Test is a valid and reliable measure of the student's current skill levels and helps to assess how successful the student will be at Bourgade Catholic.

The Placement Test consists of cognitive skills sub-tests that measure reading, mathematics and English language skills.

There is also a writing portion of the test.

- The reading sub-test measures ability such as remembering important ideas and significant details, recognizing central thought or purpose, making logical inferences, and understanding vocabulary in context.
- The mathematics sub-test evaluates computation and problem solving, the student's knowledge of important mathematics concepts and ability to reason.
 - Number series, number manipulations and both geometric and non-geometric quantitative comparison items are included in the quantitative skills sub-test.
- In the language sub-test, the student's skills in punctuation, capitalization, spelling, grammar, usage and composition are evaluated.
 - In the verbal skills section, there are synonym, antonym, verbal analogy, verbal classification, and logical reasoning items.

Results of tests taken at Bourgade Catholic are mailed in February to the student and parent, and the student's Catholic Elementary School principal. Summer school may be required for some students based on the HSPT results, 7th and/or 8th grade standardized testing, and 8th grade report card.

To receive application for admission priority consideration, the completed application, completed teacher recommendation forms, and requested academic records, are to be submitted by January 31, 2019. Applications can be submitted at any time beginning November 1st for the January priority date. Applications received after January 31st will be processed and interviews scheduled as time permits.



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Academically qualified applicants who have taken the placement test in January will be scheduled for an Admissions Interview on in February, 2019 with a member of the Admissions Interview Committee; at least one parent or guardian also participates in the interview. Interviews will be scheduled by the Admissions Office. Letters of acceptance are mailed after the 1) student & parent submit a completed application with the \$50 processing fee, 2) teacher recommendation and requested academic records are received, 3) Placement test results are available, 4) and interview has taken place.

A letter will be mailed to the student and parent by the end of February for those applicants meeting the priority submission deadline.

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