



Dear Kelvyn Park Family,

We are reaching out to provide information regarding the CPS High School Admissions Test (HSAT) and its role in the 2024-25 school year (SY25) GoCPS application process.

For SY25 GoCPS applications, our District will continue to use one exam, the HSAT, to help determine admission into choice and selective enrollment programs that require academic criteria. Qualifying CPS eighth grade district and charter school students will take this test during the school day at their school of enrollment. Using one exam and giving all students the opportunity to take the test at school expands access for students interested in choice and selective programs.

Beginning this school year, the HSAT has been shortened to just one hour, with a 30-minute section in reading and a 30-minute section in math. The test will be offered in 6 languages: English, Arabic, Polish, Simplified Chinese, Spanish, and Urdu. Students will take the entire test -- both the reading and math sections -- in the same language. There is not an opportunity to test in both English and a student's home language.

Note: Families must provide written permission in order for students to take the HSAT in a language other than English. Please request this consent form, if needed, and return it to school by October 4, 2023.

Students testing in English will take the HSAT at school on **Wednesday, October 11, 2023**. There will be a make-up opportunity on **Tuesday, October 24, 2023** for students who are absent on October 11. Students testing in Arabic, Polish, Simplified Chinese, Spanish, and Urdu will test at school on Tuesday, **October 17, 2023**, and there will be a makeup opportunity on **Wednesday, October 25, 2023** for those who are absent.

Unless students qualify for specific accommodations, the test will be administered online and will consist of the following two sections:

Test	Description	Time	# Items
Reading	Most questions focus on inferring and generalizing information in passages. Includes both informational and literary texts.	30 minutes	23 items
Math	Questions emphasize the ability to solve quantitative problems.	30 minutes	36 - 39 items
<b>Total</b>		1 hour	59 - 62 items

Since this test is used for student admissions into selective enrollment and choice programs, it's important that students do their best. Although children cannot study for a standardized assessment like they would for a regular classroom test, there are ways you can help your child prepare:

- Talk to your child about testing so that they understand why doing their best is important
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before the exam
- Ensure your child arrives to school on time on the day of the exam



- Remind your child to take their time, listen to and read all directions, and tackle one question at a time
- Help your child maintain a positive mindset by reminding them of their strengths and accomplishments

The GoCPS application process for the 2024-25 school year is now open. Visit [go.cps.edu](https://go.cps.edu) to explore available programs, gather information on the application process and timeline, and find details on how to access HSAT scores.

We thank you for your continued partnership and urge you to contact your school or the CPS Office of Access and Enrollment ([gocps@cps.edu](mailto:gocps@cps.edu)) about the HSAT or the GoCPS application process.

Sincerely,

**Keith W. Adams, Ed.D**