



**The Math & Science Exploratory School**

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Dear 8th Grade Families,

Please be advised that the Specialized High School tickets just came in and will be distributed at school shortly. All MS 447 students were assigned to take the test on Sunday, October 27th at 7:30am. Students who receive IEP or 504 accommodations will be taking the test on November 2nd. LaGuardia tickets will be distributed as soon as they are made available.

**In regards to the other audition schools that were listed on the high school survey, students will no longer receive tickets.** Instead, the information that was checked off on the high school survey was entered into the high school enrollment system and each high school will generate a list of the students that are interested in auditioning. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the families to show up on the date/time of the audition. All of the audition dates/times can be found in the high school directory. If there are conflicts, please call the high school directly.

I wish everyone lots of luck! Please make sure your child has a relaxing evening the night before and eats a balanced breakfast the morning of the exam. Please read the SHSAT reminders below.

All the best,

Star Corvinelli

## SHSAT Reminder to Families

*Please Read Carefully*

### • All Students Must Test on the Date & Time Indicated on this Ticket

- Report religious and other conflicts to your counselor immediately upon receipt of ticket - arrangements will be made for valid conflicts. Conflicts reported after the test date will not be honored.

### • Students with Testing Accommodations

- Check for testing accommodations listed on the front of this ticket. If you have an IEP or 504 Plan that entitles you to testing accommodations and the accommodations are not listed on the front of this ticket, notify your counselor immediately.
- Students who present a ticket on test day without testing accommodations will not receive any.

### Before Test Day

- Make sure you know where the test site is and how to get there. Address and directions are on the front of the ticket. Students who cannot find the test site on the test day will not be eligible for a make-up exam.
- Complete all sections of the ticket, including the choices and signature on page 1.

### On Test Day

- Students should bring two Number 2 pencils to the exam. All applicants will be videotaped at the test site.
- Students should know a family member's contact number. If needed, phones will be available.
- Students should not bring personal electronic devices such as a cell phone, iPod, calculator, tablet/iPad, or ebook reader to the test.
- If you lose your ticket, are running late, have car or subway trouble, you must still continue to the test site. Arrangements will be made for you to take the exam. If you go home, you will not be given the opportunity to take the exam at any other time.
- For the safety and security of the students, parents and siblings will not be permitted in the building.
- Morning exams end around 11:30-12:00. Afternoon exams end around 3:30-4:00. Families should arrange a meeting place for after the exam.

### Ranking Schools

- Each student taking the SHSAT will be required to rank, in his/her order of preference, up to eight specialized exam high schools on the Answer Sheet on test day.
- Prior to the test day, families should discuss and finalize these choices and enter them on page 1.
- At the test site, the student will then copy these choices onto the Answer Sheet. The Answer Sheet alone will be used to determine which schools a student is eligible for.
- You are encouraged to rank all eight specialized exam schools to increase the chance of receiving an offer to one of the eight schools.
- For more details about eligibility and the admissions process, please refer to page 12 of the Specialized High Schools Student Handbook.

### Ill on Test Day

- Any requests for a make-up test made after you have begun the test will not be honored.
- Bring a doctor's note to your guidance counselor immediately upon your return to school in order to get a make-up ticket. **Notes must be received by November 6, 2013.**
- All excuses must have a doctor's note. **Letters from family members are not acceptable.**
- A new ticket for the make-up test will be issued for valid requests.

### Make-up Test Day

- You must have a valid ticket with the make-up date to test on make-up day.

- Notes written by your counselor will not suffice, nor will original tickets with the wrong date.