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98% of Catholic high school seniors graduate, and 95% of those graduates go on to college.



Last year, graduates from the 40 Catholic high schools earned a record \$175 million in college scholarships.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, AT 8 A.M.

Catholic high schools across the Archdiocese of Chicago will administer the annual placement tests for eighth grade students on Saturday, January 14, at 8 a.m. Most of the 40 Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese administer the test; however, there are a few exceptions. It is important to check with the individual school to confirm when its test is being given.

Catholic, public or private school students interested in attending Catholic high schools in Chicago, Cook County or Lake County this coming fall should report to the high school they wish to attend to take the test. It is not necessary to register for the test in advance. Students are asked to bring two No. 2 pencils and cash or check made payable to the school for the \$25 exam fee. Test results will be mailed to students on February 15, 2012.

To find contact information for Catholic high schools, use this

[High School Locator](#).

Below are answers to some questions you may have about the placement test:

How can a student prepare for the high school placement test?
The best preparation for any of the Catholic high school placement tests is excellent academic preparation in elementary school. Some students also may benefit from knowing general test taking strategies and how to pace themselves while taking a standardized test. However, too much emphasis on the test or test preparation is likely to



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increase test anxiety and lower his/her test score. Test preparation will not raise test scores beyond a student's true or actual achievement level. Test preparation should be limited to reducing anxiety and becoming familiar with taking a standardized test under timed conditions. Be supportive and encourage the student to do his/her best. Getting a good night's rest before the test is important.

How do Catholic high schools make student placement decisions?

Each Catholic high school has its own procedures for using test results. Generally, high schools use test scores in conjunction with other information about a student's academic record when deciding to place a student to ensure academic success. Some considerations could include: other test scores, report cards, classroom and homework assignments, teacher recommendations, etc. Each school determines its priorities in the placement decision process.

Why do some Catholic high schools use different placement tests?

Placement tests may vary in how well they can identify student academic success for a particular school. Placement tests differ in the type of information they provide that is used for program and course placement decisions. Tests are selected that best match the mission, educational philosophy and student body of a particular Catholic high school.

What if test scores don't match grades or past test scores?

There are many reasons why a student's high school placement test scores may not be consistent with his/ her grades or scores on other standardized tests. Although test scores are important, remember that a student's past academic record and other information will be considered in admission decisions along with test scores.

What can be done if a student is not accepted?

If a student is not placed in his/her first choice, apply to another Catholic high school. To speak with someone directly about other Catholic high school options for your student, families may contact Sarah McNulty in the Office of Catholic Schools at 312-534-5203.