

SSAT (Secondary School Admission Test) and
ISEE Tips-Learn How To Excel on the High
School Admission Exams

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Introduction

If you are reading this report, I am going to assume that you are looking to get into a private school and/or pass your SSAT and ISEE exams.

It's no secret that getting into a good private school will give you the best chance of getting into the top colleges afterwards. The truth is, the public school system just doesn't cut it anymore. That is why so many families today are trying to get their kids into private school.

And that's why it's so tough. The competition is fierce. More people than ever are applying to private schools. That means that YOUR child has to be at the top of the class as far as grades and passing the entrance exams.

This report will help your child get an edge in this very competitive world that we live in today. With this information, your child will have the best chance of passing the SSAT and ISEE and getting into the private school of their choice.

So without further delay, let's get right to it.

Applying To Private Schools

As with everything in life, especially when it comes to red tape, there is a certain procedure you need to follow when applying to a private school. Failure to follow that procedure to the letter can seriously affect your chances of getting into the private school of your choice.

So the first goal of this report is to make sure you understand the procedure and everything involved. That way, if nothing else, you'll know that you've done all that you could to give your child the best chance of getting into a private school.

Timeline

Here is the general timeline you should follow when applying to a private school:

Fall

- ✓ Research schools.
- ✓ Contact two to six schools for more information and applications.
- ✓ Register for the SSAT or other required admission tests.

Winter

- ✓ Submit your school applications and request financial aid forms (if applicable).
- ✓ Verify that teacher evaluations, other letters of recommendation, and current school transcripts have been sent to the school(s) to which you are applying.
- ✓ Visit each school for a tour and an interview.

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- ✓ Check to make sure that schools have received all necessary information.

Spring

- ✓ Schools notify parents of admission decision.
- ✓ Schools notify parents of financial aid decision (where applicable).
- ✓ Parents reply to schools regarding matriculation.

School Types

What type of school do you prefer? This is important because if the school you're applying to doesn't match your likes, your child won't have the school experience that he or she is looking for.

Student Body

- ✓ Do you prefer a single-sex or coed school?
- ✓ Do you prefer a large (>500), mid-size (250-500) or small (<250) student body?
- ✓ Do you prefer a school with a student body drawn from an international, national, regional or local population?
- ✓ Do you want to attend a school with all grade levels or only secondary school levels?
- ✓ Do you prefer a student body that is culturally diverse?
- ✓ Are you more interested in a school where the majority of students attend as day students or as boarding students?

Campus Life

- ✓ Do you prefer on-campus living, or living at home?
- ✓ Would you prefer a campus with many activities or a more leisurely setting?

- ✓ Would you prefer campus relationships between students and teachers to be casual or formal?
- ✓ Would you prefer a very disciplined campus environment or one that allows more autonomy?
- ✓ What is the daily class and activity schedule and how does it fit with your needs?
- ✓ What kinds of campus social activities are offered?
- ✓ Does the school have a religious affiliation? How much are religious activities a part of school life?
- ✓ What is the school calendar and how does it fit with your family's needs?

Academics

- ✓ What is the student/faculty ratio and average class size?
- ✓ What is the percentage of graduates that attend college and where?
- ✓ Does the school offer special programs of interest to you (i.e., English as a Second Language, Learning Differences programs, Post-Graduate year)?
- ✓ What is the nature of the curriculum?
- ✓ How stringent are the grading standards?
- ✓ Does the school have a particular strength in a specific academic department?
- ✓ What student progress reports are given to parents and how frequently?
- ✓ Are academic tutors and special instructors available and supported?

Extra-Curriculars

- ✓ Are you interested in a school with an extensive athletic program?
- ✓ Does the school have theater, art, or music programs?

- ✓ What kinds of intramural sports, community service, or other school activities are offered?
- ✓ Is after-school tutoring available?

School Facilities and Resources

- ✓ Are classroom and library facilities adequate, crowded, commodious?
- ✓ What computer and laboratory facilities are available at the school?
- ✓ Does the school have a counseling/evaluation program?
- ✓ Do recreation and athletic resources meet your expectations?
- ✓ Does the school have theater, art, or music resources?
- ✓ Is the physical plant well-maintained and modern?
- ✓ What is the nature and extent of security and supervision on campus?
- ✓ Are the school's surrounding areas safe?
- ✓ Does the school's food service meet your dietary needs?
- ✓ Does the school provide transportation for academic, athletic and other events?

Tuition and Financial Aid

- ✓ What are the costs of tuition, room, board, and books?
- ✓ Are there additional fees for activities and services?
- ✓ What travel costs are involved?
- ✓ What is the payment schedule required by the school?
- ✓ What financial resources are offered by the school?
- ✓ What forms are required to receive financial aid and what percentage of students receive financial aid?

Research Schools

The next thing you want to do is actually research schools.

I recommend going to the following sites:

<http://www.nais.org/>

<http://www.ssat.org/membersearch>

<http://www.tabs.org/>

Any information that you're looking for on the school you're interested in, you'll find it at these sites.

Review School Materials

The next thing you want to do is to go over all the school materials for the school of your choice. Yes, you will be given access to this material. All you have to do is ask for it.

This way, you'll be able to see if the material the school uses meets up with YOUR expectations.

School Facilities

Here are some questions you should ask about school facilities.

- ✓ Are library, recreation and athletic facilities described in sufficient detail to give you an idea about their contribution to the school's program?
- ✓ Does the school have theater, music, studio, and other art resources?
- ✓ What computer and laboratory facilities are available at the school?
- ✓ Does the school support student publications?

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- ✓ Does the school sponsor social and other events?
- ✓ How does the school relate to the surrounding community?
- ✓ Does the school provide opportunities for or require student service in the community?

Rules and Regulations

It is important that you are absolutely clear about the rules and regulations of the school BEFORE you apply.

You want to specifically ask about dress codes and curfews. Failure to comply with these could lead to serious problems.

Housing and Food

In regard to housing and food, you want to ask the following questions:

- ✓ Do the majority of students live in large dormitories or small houses?
- ✓ Are there suites (several bedrooms grouped around a central living room) or are most accommodations traditional doubles (two students sharing one room)?
- ✓ How is housing allocated? Is there a lottery system or priority by grade?
- ✓ What security and safety procedures are in place?
- ✓ How are the students supervised? Remember, in most instances, the housing arrangements will be the first long-term, out-of-home living experience for a student.
- ✓ What types of food services are offered?
- ✓ How flexible are food service hours, locations and the like?
- ✓ Do you have any special dietary requirements and can the school accommodate them?

School Visit

Finally, you want to actually visit the school. They say a painting is worth a thousand words. There is no better way to get a feel for the school than to actually go there.

Schedule a visit and make sure you take a complete tour. Don't leave anything out.

The Interview

This is probably the most CRITICAL part. Be prepared to answer the following questions:

- ✓ The campus tour: What were you particularly interested in? What did the tour do to alter or confirm your expectations?
- ✓ Current or past school experience: Describe your special areas of interest or expertise. Be prepared to discuss your academic interests and what you expect to gain from your schoolexperience.
- ✓ Your special interests and activities.
- ✓ Why that particular school interests you.
- ✓ Your future goals and plans.

In the next section we will tackle the issue of exams.

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