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## **The Academy for Mathematics, Science, and Engineering**

520 West Main Street

Rockaway, NJ 07866

(973) 664-2309

### **General Information**

- Magnet public high school (grades 9-12)
- Part of Morris County Vocational School District
- Located in Morris Hills High School
- School day begins at 7:18 am and ends at 3:02 pm; A-day/B-day scheduling with 88-minute periods

### **Student Community**

- Approximately 85 students
- For the 2019-20 year, 27.5% of applicants were admitted
- Class of 2020 has 8 National Merit Semi-Finalists

### **Academics**

- Ranked #2 in Newsweek's 2016 America's Top High Schools
- All classes taught at the honors level
- AP courses available
- Through the three-year Science Inquiry and Technology sequence, students develop individual science research projects corresponding to specific career interests.
- Current student projects involve areas such as aeronautical engineering, meteorology, cryptology, microbiology, computer science, materials science, software engineering, architectural engineering, and computer systems analysis.
- In their junior and senior years, students work with corporate mentors and perform on-site internships.

### **Athletics (all available through Morris Hills High School)**

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|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| • Cross country | • Tennis     | • Ice hockey |
| • Fencing       | • Baseball   | • Lacrosse   |
| • Football      | • Volleyball | • Track      |
| • Field hockey  | • Basketball | • Softball   |
| • Soccer        | • Swimming   | • Baseball   |

### **Clubs and Activities**

- Variety of clubs and activities including: ski club, book club, jazz band, games club, Business Honors Society, color guard, dance team, marching band, and Academic Decathlon Team
- Students take electives and participate in clubs and activities at Morris Hills High School

### **Tuition and Fees**

- Free

### **Admissions Requirements**

- Transcript including grades
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Terranova
- Accuplacer
- Interview
- Successful completion of Algebra 1 by the end of 8th grade
- Mandatory two-week summer program if accepted

## **American Hebrew Academy**

4334 Hobbes Road  
Greensboro, NC 27410  
(336) 217-7100

### **General Information**

- Founded in 2000
- Grades 9-12
- Average class size: 12
- Student to faculty ratio: 3:1

### **Student Community**

- 137 students
- Every student is assigned an advisor and houseparent to support their academic, extracurricular, and residential experiences, as well as their social and emotional needs

### **Faculty**

- 72% of faculty hold Masters Degrees or national certification
- 34% hold Ph.D. degrees or rabbinical ordination

### **Academics**

- AP classes available
- Dual curriculum
- Each year, the junior class spends ten weeks studying in Israel

### **Athletics**

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|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| • Cross Country | • Swimming   | • Track & Field |
| • Soccer        | • Basketball | • Tennis        |
| • Volleyball    | • Golf       |                 |

### **Clubs and Activities**

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|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| • Newspaper    | • Chess Club    | • TV Station               |
| • AHA Acapella | • Knitting Club | • Chabad Friendship Circle |
| • Drama Club   | • Robotics Club | • Tzedakah Fund            |

### **Tuition and Fees**

- Tuition: \$40,000
- For parents who are Rabbis or employed on a full time basis in Jewish communal work, a generous one-third tuition discount is offered

### **Admissions Requirements**

- Transcript including grades and standardized test scores
- SSAT
- Personal interview
- Teacher recommendations
- Graded written essay
- Campus visit

**Blair Academy**  
2 Park Street  
Blairstown, NJ 07825  
(908) 362-6121

**General Information**

- Founded in 1848
- Grades 9-12
- Average class size: 11
- Students may attend as boarding or day students

**Student Community**

- 454 students (boarding 345; day 109)
- Class of 2014 has 101 students; 26 National Merit Scholars, 3 National Achievement Scholars, 39 IB Diploma Candidates

**Faculty**

- 61% of the faculty have advanced degrees
- 90% live on campus

**Academics**

- Honors, AP, and post-AP classes available
- Each student is guided by two advisors: an assigned faculty member and an advisor of his or her own choosing
- With an average class size of 11, students actively participate in discussions and get to know their teachers and classmates well. This builds confidence and trust that empower them to step outside of their intellectual comfort zones.
- Students can choose from a wide range of courses, including those focused on negotiation, engineering, video studies, economics, architecture and pharmacology.

**Athletics**

- 90% of students participate in the athletic program
- 8 outdoor athletic fields on site

**Clubs and Activities**

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| • Debate Club                        | • Multicultural Student Union | • Earthshine |
| • Blair International Awareness Club | • Investment Club             | • Math Team  |
|                                      | • Blue & Key Society          |              |

**Tuition and Fees**

- Tuition: \$57,900 (boarding); \$40,500 (day)
- 38% of students receive financial aid awards

**Admissions Requirements**

- Transcript including grades and standardized test scores
- ISEE or SSAT
- Personal interview
- Teacher recommendations
- Campus visit

## **Gill St. Bernard's School**

25 St. Bernards Road  
Gladstone, NJ 07934  
(908) 234-1611

### **General Information**

- Founded in 1900; merged in 1996
- Lower School, Middle School, Upper School
- School day begins at 8:15 am and ends at 3:00 pm

### **Student Community**

- 700 students from 10 New Jersey communities

### **Faculty**

- 105 faculty members; over 50% have advanced degrees

### **Academics**

- Honors and AP courses available
- 9<sup>th</sup> graders take a seminar in which they work with peer leaders on topics of diversity awareness, community opportunities and responsibilities, and conflict resolution. Also, students work closely with the library staff to undertake a major research project. Finally, students will be exposed to basic study skills and effective exam preparation techniques.
- Spring Unit: The class meets as a group for two weeks, intensively studying a topic and learning cooperatively. Students create projects, make presentations, travel and work with other students in groups in all Spring Unit courses. Spring Unit experiences complement the regular year's course of study by extending knowledge or by providing opportunities to apply learning in a practical way.

### **Athletics**

- Offer 24 different opportunities for interscholastic athletics
- Over the last few years every one of its varsity teams has qualified for the NJSIAA post season and six different programs have been ranked in the "top-20" in New Jersey
- Teams have earned several conference, prep, county, sectional, and state championships and on an individual level, many GSB student-athletes earned post-season all-conference, all-prep, or all-state recognition

### **Clubs and Activities**

- Award-winning theater program
- Choral music, Jazz Band, Guitar Club and Dance Club

### **Tuition and Fees**

- Tuition: \$36,000
- Workbooks, field trips, technology: \$500
- New student fee: \$250

### **Admissions Requirements**

- Transcript including grades and standardized test scores
- Student/Parent Questionnaire
- Student/Parent Visit
- Teacher Recommendations
- ISEE or SSAT
- Graded writing sample

**Golda Och Academy**  
1418 Pleasant Valley Way  
West Orange, NJ 07052  
(973) 602-3600

**General Information**

- Founded in 1965
- Lower School: grades pre-K-5; Upper School: grades 6-12
- School day begins at 8:30 am and ends at 4:00 pm (2:00 on Fridays)
- Average class size: 18

**Student Community**

- 535 students

**Academics**

- Honors and AP courses available
- Seniors complete all graduation requirements by the end of first semester senior year. During the second semester, students have two choices: 1) do an internship or, 2) Neshama experience in Israel which begins with a week in Poland and then three months in Israel where they travel the country, learn about Israel Advocacy, hike, and meet up with GOA's sister community

**Athletics**

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|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| • Volleyball    | • Swimming   | • Tennis   |
| • Cross Country | • Soccer     | • Softball |
| • Baseball      | • Basketball |            |

**Clubs and Activities**

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade begins with the Na'ale program – ten days in Israel that bonds the grade and provides students with the opportunity to see the sights and meet with GOA's sister community in Merchavim
- Variety of clubs offered including: choir, dance team, environmental club, Jewish Sports Society, SchechterVision (GOA's web-based TV station, Israel Advocacy Club, mock trial, and yearbook
- Tikkun Olam activities include a trip to New Orleans to assist Habitat for Humanity and various Community Service days

**Tuition and Fees**

- Tuition: \$29,775 (\$100 discount if enrolled by March 1)
- Building Maintenance Fee: \$2000
- GO Grants and Flexible Tuition (25%-75% reduction of tuition) available
- Transportation: available through Durham School Services

**Admissions Requirements**

- Transcript including grades and standardized test scores
- Teacher recommendations (English, math, and Judaic)
- School visit, interview, and writing prompt
- ISEE
- Graded writing sample from 8<sup>th</sup> grade

## **Morris County Vocational School District**

400 East Main Street

Denville, NJ 07834

(973) 627-4600

### **General Information**

- Founded in 1969
- Grades 9-12
- Average class size: 20
- MCVSD works on a block schedule with alternating A & B days. This allows for a maximum of five academic classes, physical education & health, two to four electives and career technical training annually.
- Students may also participate in any athletics or clubs at their home district

### **Student Community**

- Approximately 600 students
- Past students have been National Merit Finalists, SkillsUSA Gold Medal Winners, HOSA First Place Medal Winners, and UMDNJ Distinguished Scholars

### **Academics**

- Academies located on-site: Biotechnology, Computer and Information Sciences, Culinary Arts, Design, Education and Learning, Finance and International Business, Global Systems Management, Health Care Sciences, Law and Public Safety, Multimedia, Veterinary Science
- Academy of Mathematics, Science and Engineering - Morris Hills High School, Academy of Environmental Science – Jefferson High School, Performing Arts – Morris Knolls High School, Sports Medicine – Roxbury High School
- Honors courses available
- In lieu of AP courses, eligible students in Grade 12 may enroll in courses at the County College of Morris to earn college credits. Morris County School of Technology funds up to 22 college credits as part of the Grade Twelve Initiative.
- All students complete a 160-hour internship

### **Athletics**

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|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| • Cross Country | • Baseball   | • Bowling  |
| • Soccer        | • Golf       | • Softball |
| • Volleyball    | • Basketball |            |

### **Clubs and Activities**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| • Chorus                  | • Debate                       | • Drama       | • National Honor Society           | • Robotics Skills USA |
| • Environmental Awareness | • GSA                          | • Jazz Band   | • National Technical Honor Society | • Student Government  |
| • Key Club                | • National Dance Honor Society | • Peer Leader | • Thespian Society                 | • Weightlifting Club  |
|                           |                                | • Photography |                                    |                       |
|                           |                                | • Poetry      |                                    |                       |

### **Tuition and Fees**

- Free

### **Admissions Requirements**

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade report card
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Terranova
- Accuplacer
- Interview



**Morris Hills High School**  
**Math/Science Magnet Program**  
520 West Main Street  
Rockaway, NJ 07866  
(973) 664-2305

Morris Hills Regional is a 9-12 district consisting of two high schools, Morris Hills and Morris Knolls High Schools, with a total population of 3,000 students from Denville, Rockaway Borough, Wharton, and Rockaway Township. The two high schools share both teaching staff, curricula, and rank in the top 79 high schools in New Jersey, according to NJ Monthly magazine. Morris Hills Regional was also awarded a spot on the College Board's AP District Honor Roll for access, equity, and excellence, one of only 367 districts selected for this award in the U.S. and Canada.

There are two available programs for School Choice: the Regular High School Program and the Magnet Program for Math and Science.

The regular high school program is our traditional high school program, with over 200 course offerings, including honors and Advanced Placement, art, business, computer science, all academic areas, and 3 world languages. Academic achievement is not a factor in school choice admission to this program.

The Math and Science Magnet Program is a highly focused and rigorous four-year honors program. Students will take many of the school's advanced placement math and science courses, while having the flexibility to pursue other disciplines at the honors level. The foundation of the program is centered around a series of three researched based analysis (RBA) courses where students will receive special training in research methods, scientific investigation, advanced data analysis, and technical writing, leading to independent research. By the end of the program students will become well-versed in the process of scientific research from start to finish, by developing a professional, well-organized and original research project. Students will present their findings through several communication channels and have the opportunity to submit their work for publication.

Morris Hills High School Math/Science Magnet program is a NJ School Choice program.

**Admissions Requirements**

- Transcript including grades and standardized test scores
- Teacher recommendations (math and science)
- Entrance exam (math and language arts literacy) and essay; students who are also applying for the Academy for Math, Science, and Engineering through Morris County VoTech do not have to take the math exam; Morris Hills Math/Science can use the Academy math results
- Interview
- Student must have completed Algebra I by the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**Morris Knolls High School**  
**International Baccalaureate Program**  
48 Knoll Drive  
Rockaway, NJ 07866  
(973) 664-2232

Morris Hills Regional is a 9-12 district consisting of two high schools, Morris Hills and Morris Knolls High Schools, with a total population of 3,000 students from Denville, Rockaway Borough, Wharton, and Rockaway Township. The two high schools share both teaching staff, curricula, and rank in the top 79 high schools in New Jersey, according to NJ Monthly magazine. Morris Hills Regional was also awarded a spot on the College Board's AP District Honor Roll for access, equity, and excellence, one of only 367 districts selected for this award in the U.S. and Canada.

As part of the Morris Hills Regional School District's (MHRD) innovative programs initiative, Morris Knolls High School is proud to offer the International Baccalaureate Program (MKIB). The IB is an internationally recognized, intensive course of study undertaken during the junior and senior years in high school by students who have an interest in global affairs, writing, and interdisciplinary studies. The program emphasizes the importance of today's students being well-rounded and internationally-minded critical thinkers who have the ability to analyze and interpret various sources of information. As such, the program requires high level study across a broad range of curricula which emphasizes writing, thinking, communication skills and community service. It is highly recommended that students complete Algebra I and level 1 of a world language in 8th grade. Students must participate in a competitive admissions process in order to be eligible for admission.

Morris Knolls High School IB program is a NJ School Choice program.

**Admissions Requirements**

- Transcript including grades and standardized test scores
- Teacher recommendations (English, math, and one choice)
- Entrance exam (math and language arts literacy) and essay
- Interview

**Morristown-Beard School**  
70 Whippany Road  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
(973) 539-3032

**General Information**

- Founded in 1891; Morristown School and the Beard School merged in 1971
- Average class size: 12

**Faculty**

- 58% of the faculty have advanced degrees; 14% have doctoral degrees

**Academics**

- Honors and AP classes offered
- Numerous specialized and diverse classes offered
- Advanced Seminars (for juniors and seniors) provide an opportunity for talented and motivated students to explore an intellectual area in depth, under the guidance of selected faculty members with a special expertise or interest in the field. The seminar format promotes critical thought and discussion, requires students to work independently, and is flexible enough to encompass a broad range of course themes.

**Athletics**

- 81% of Upper School students participate in at least one sport; 49% participate in two or more sports
- 33 levels of sports in the Upper School

**Clubs and Activities**

- Students organize and participate in more than 40 clubs
- Cocurricular opportunities include everything from a Student Government Association with a real voice in school life to an honored literary magazine, to the Sustainability Club, the Film Club, and Young Men of Color.
- Students dedicate thousands of hours to community service, whether launching blood drives on campus or spring break service trips to other states.
- They also turn out in enthusiastic numbers for Coffee House and mini-concerts in Wilkie Hall

**Tuition and Fees**

- Tuition: \$37610
- Transportation: available through Durham Bus Services at an additional cost

**Admissions Requirements**

- Transcript including grades and standardized test scores
- Visit and interview
- Teacher recommendations
- ISEE or SSAT

**Newark Academy**  
91 South Orange Avenue  
Livingston, NJ 07039  
(973) 992-7000

**General Information**

- Founded in 1774
- Middle School: grades 6-8; Upper School: grades 9-12
- School day begins at 8:10 am and ends at 2:25 pm with 50-minute class periods
- Average class size: 13

**Student Community**

- 580 students (405 in Upper School and 175 in Middle School)
- Class of 2019 had 107 students; 31 National Merit Scholars, 30 IB Diploma Candidates

**Faculty**

- 80% of the faculty have advanced degrees; 5 have earned doctorate degrees
- On average, the faculty has 22 years of teaching experience

**Academics**

- International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB program)
- AP courses in 15 subjects
- Immersion Requirement – students are required to engage in cultural or environmental exploration

**Athletics**

- 90% of students participate in the athletic program
- 8 outdoor athletic fields on site

**Clubs and Activities**

- Students organize and participate in more than 55 clubs
- Numerous social activities throughout the year include: an annual “Welcome Back BBQ,” Homecoming, class and all-school dances, sports nights, “Frosh Fridays,” ski trips, and end-of-term parties
- Class trips range from cultural to environmental

**Tuition and Fees**

- Tuition: \$37,875
- Lunch plan: \$1350
- Technology fee: \$220
- Matriculation fee (first year only): \$100
- Books (on average): \$500
- Transportation: available through Jordan Bus Service

**Admissions Requirements**

- Transcript including grades and standardized test scores; 8<sup>th</sup> grade grades must also be sent when available
- Visit and interview
- Teacher recommendations
- ISEE or SSAT

**Pingry School**  
131 Martinsville Road  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920  
(908) 647-5555

**General Information**

- Founded in 1861
- Average class size: 13
- Grades 6-12 on Basking Ridge campus; K-5 on Short Hills campus

**Student Community**

- Approximately 1117 students
- Students are from over 100 communities across New Jersey and Pennsylvania
- Class of 2018 had 34 National Merit Commended Students and 12 National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists
- Pingry admits 20-25% of applicants on average

**Faculty**

- Over 240 faculty and staff
- 70% hold master's degrees; 18 faculty members hold doctorates
- Average tenure is 13 years

**Academics**

- Honors and AP classes offered
- Numerous academic electives offered including Shakespeare, Magical Realism, Literature and Madness, Philosophy, Psychology, Macro/Microeconomics, Science for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Intro to Scientific Research, and Computer Science
- All students participate in an Independent Senior Project (ISP), which offer students an opportunity to learn a new skill or trade, to participate actively in real-life situations in business, the arts, or a vocation, and to continue to broaden their knowledge while learning its practical application

**Athletics**

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|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| • Cross country/Track | • Water polo | • Wrestling         |
| • Field hockey        | • Basketball | • Baseball/Softball |
| • Football            | • Fencing    | • Golf              |
| • Tennis              | • Squash     | • Lacrosse          |
| • Soccer              | • Swimming   | • Ice hockey        |

**Clubs and Activities**

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| • American Field Service | • Gaming Club             | • Multicultural Club       |
| • Creative Writing       | • Global Literacy Project | • Pingry Entrepreneur Club |
| • Community Service      | • Improvisation Club      | • Speech & Debate Team     |
| • Dumbledore's Book Army | • Model Congress/Model UN | • Robotics                 |

**Tuition and Fees**

- Tuition: \$38,273
- Lunch: \$1261
- Books and supplies, laptop, and athletic uniforms and equipment: estimated range of costs \$800 - \$2500, depending on the student's level of involvement.
- Financial Aid available

**Admissions Requirements**

- Transcript including grades and standardized test scores
- Teacher recommendations (math, English/social studies, and one choice)
- ISEE or SSAT
- School visit and interview

## **Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School**

110 South Orange Avenue

Livingston, NJ 07039

(862) 437-8000

### **General Information**

- Founded in 1942
- Modern Orthodox co-educational yeshiva
- Grades 9-12 (Joseph Kushner Academy serves students in grades K-8 in the lower school)
- School day begins at 8:03 am and ends at 5:07 pm (1:30 on Fridays)

### **Student Community**

- Approximately 300 students
- SINAI Special Needs Institute serves special needs students

### **Academics**

- Honors and AP classes offered
- Limudei Kodesh, Beit Midrash, Tanach, Talmud, Judaic electives

### **Athletics**

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|--------------|------------|--------------|
| • Baseball   | • Soccer   | • Track      |
| • Basketball | • Softball | • Volleyball |
| • Bowling    | • Swimming | • Wrestling  |
| • Hockey     | • Tennis   |              |

### **Clubs and Activities**

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|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| • AIPAC                | • Kushner Comments | • Literary Journal       |
| • Blood Drive          | • Mock Trial       | • SADD                   |
| • College Bowl         | • Mock UN          | • Student Council        |
| • Debate               | • Newspaper        | • Torah Bowl             |
| • Habitat for Humanity | • Panim El Panim   | • Stock Market Challenge |
| • Drama                | • Pre-Med Honors   | • Yearbook               |
| • Israel Action        | • Pre-Med Club     |                          |

### **Tuition and Fees**

- Tuition: \$23,500
- Registration Fee: \$1000
- Parent Teacher Council Fee: \$60 (per family)
- Building Fund Obligation: \$3200 (per family; can be paid over 4 years)
- Financial Aid available

### **Admissions Requirements**

- Transcript including grades and standardized test scores
- Teacher recommendation
- Interview

## Entrance Exams At-a-Glance

|                                   | ISEE   | SSAT   | ACCUPLACER  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Test Levels</b>                | entering 9-12  | entering 9-12  | entering 9-12   |
| <b>Content</b>                    | Verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, mathematics, reading, and unscored writing sample  | Verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, mathematics, reading, and unscored writing sample  | Basic math, elementary algebra, reading comprehension, sentence skills, scored writing sample   |
| <b>Verbal Question Types</b>      | synonyms and sentence completions  | synonyms and analogies   | grammar and relationships between sentences   |
| <b>Math Question Types</b>        | four-choice multiple-choice and quantitative comparison questions  | five-choice multiple-choice questions  | four-choice multiple choice questions   |
| <b>Test Format</b>                | <b>Five sections:</b> 1, 30-minute writing sample; 1, 20-minute verbal section; 1, 35-minute quantitative section; 1, 35-minute reading section; 1, 40-minute math section (Total of 2 hours and 40 minutes); pencil and paper | <b>Five sections:</b> 1, 25-minute writing sample; 1, 30-minute verbal section; 2, 30-minute quantitative sections; 1, 40-minute reading section (Total of 2 hours and 35 minutes); pencil and paper   | <b>Five sections:</b> basic math (17 questions), elementary algebra (12 questions), reading comprehension (20 questions), sentence skills (20 questions), writing sample; test is untimed and computer adaptive |
| <b>Penalty for Wrong Answers?</b> | no – you do not lose points for incorrect answers  | yes – you lose $\frac{1}{4}$ of a point for incorrect answers  | no – you do not lose points for incorrect answers, but the test adapts accordingly  |
| <b>Scoring</b>                    | Scale of 760-940 for Verbal, Reading, Quantitative, and Math   | Scale of 500-800 for Verbal, Quantitative, and Reading; scale of 1500-2400 total   | Scores range from 20 to 120 points and are calculated using a formula; essay is scored 1-8  |
| <b>Percentile Rank</b>            | ISEE percentile rank between 1-99%; rank based on student's performance as compared to the other students in the same grade who have taken the test within the past three years; Stanine score between 1-9                     | SSAT percentile rank between 1-99%; rank based on student's performance as compared to the other students in the same grade and of the same gender who have taken the test within the past three years | None  |
| <b>Test Frequency</b>             | Up to three times in a 12-month admission cycle (see Registration)   | Unlimited number of times in a one-year period   | Can only take once for MCVTS  |

# ISEE

The ISEE is an admission test that has four levels: a Primary Level, Lower Level, Middle Level, and Upper Level.

- Primary Level – Students currently in grades 1, 2, and 3 who are candidates for grades 2, 3, or 4
- Lower Level – Students currently in grades 4 and 5 who are candidates for grades 5 or 6
- Middle Level – Students currently in grades 6 and 7 who are candidates for grades 7 or 8
- Upper Level – Students currently in grades 8-11 who are candidates for grades 9-12

| <b>Upper Level</b><br>(Candidates for grades 9-12) |                        |  |
|--|------------------------|--|
| <b>Test</b>  | <b>Number of Items</b> | <b>Time (Min)</b>  |
| Verbal Reasoning                                   | 40                     | 20   |
| Quantitative Reasoning                             | 37                     | 35   |
| Reading Comprehension                              | 36                     | 35   |
| Mathematics Achievement                            | 47                     | 40   |
| Essay  |                        | 30   |
| <b>Total Time</b>                                  |                        | <b>2 hours 40 minutes</b><br><b>(not including breaks)</b> |

## Purpose

Schools use the ISEE scores as one piece of the overall student profile for applicant consideration.

The ISEE offers a standardized assessment comparing a student's reasoning and achievement skills to those of other students applying to the same grade from different schools.

The standards on the ISEE align with those of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), the International Reading Association (IRA), and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM).



## ISEE Student Registration

There are several registration options for the ISEE. Choose the option that works best for you:

### Online registration

The online registration fee is \$105 paid by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or electronic check. Visit <https://iseeonline.erblearn.org/TestBrowser/Default.aspx>.

Advantages of ISEE online registration:

- View and reserve a seat at an available testing location
- Edit or change student information
- Edit or change recipients of score reports
- Reprint verification letter (admission ticket) online
- Change student's testing location
- Request to receive ISEE scores online (additional \$30.00 fee applies)
- Submit late registration up to two weeks before a test date (\$20 additional fee)

### Mail-in registration

A mail-in registration form may be found in the center of the *printed* ISEE Student Guide *only*. To request a printed copy of the ISEE Student Guide, email [achaber@erblearn.org](mailto:achaber@erblearn.org). The fee for a mail-in registration is \$105.

### Registration by phone

Register by phone by calling (800) 446-0320 or (919) 956-8524. There is a \$20 additional charge for a phone registration. The total phone registration fee is \$120. The fee is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or electronic check only.

## **ISEE Score Reporting**

### **Receiving the Score Report**

After testing, answer sheets and essays are sent to the ISEE Operations Office for machine scoring of the four multiple choice sections and production of the Individual Student Report (ISR). Copies of the ISR and the unscored essay, may be sent to six schools and/or counselors. If you would like to send to more than six schools, additional fees will apply. Schools will receive a copy of the student score report and essay in approximately seven to ten business days.

### **Expedited Score Reporting**

Beginning in Fall 2016, families are not required to select a school score recipient at the time of registration. Families may receive and view a score report before releasing it to a school. If a student tests more than once in a 12-month admission cycle, score reports will not reflect how many times the student tested. Only a complete score report can be released to a school—families may not select only portions of a report for release.

Score reports are sent by mail to parents at the address provided at the time of registration. Scores should arrive within seven to ten business days after the date of the ISEE administration. Parents may take advantage of an expedited score delivery by phone or online (the latter available only when registering online) for an extra \$30. When registering for the ISEE, please indicate which of these services you would like. If you would like to request the service after the initial registration or after testing, you may call the ISEE Operations Office at 1-800-446-0320. Expedited scores are available after 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on the first Monday, Wednesday, or Friday following the date of testing. Scores from a Sunday administration will not be available until Wednesday. Expedited reports will be delayed if tests are not received promptly or if shipping delays occur from the test site.

### **Parent Report**

A copy of the Individual Student Report (ISR) only is sent to parents, addressed “To the Parents of...”. The parent report will list all schools who received the student’s ISR.

### **School Report**

A copy of the Individual Student (ISR) and essay will be sent to the schools requested at the time of registration. School reports do not list all recipients, only the individual school name.

## **ISEE Accommodations**

ERB will make every effort to arrange special administrations for students who are unable to take the ISEE under standard conditions because of a documented learning difference or a physical challenge.

### **Eligibility for Accommodations:**

A student with a documented disability may be eligible for accommodations, such as Extended Time (1 ½ time) on the ISEE. The student must:

- Have a disability that necessitates testing accommodations
- Have complete and specific documentation that establishes a current need for the requested accommodations
- Currently receive and utilize the requested accommodations, due to the disability, on a regular basis for school-based testing in the student's present school environment

### **Types of Supporting Documentation That May Be Submitted:**

- Formal Testing - a complete psycho-educational evaluation dated within the last 3 years
- An Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan from the current calendar year
- A School Accommodation Plan from the current calendar year
- Physician Letter - a letter from a medical doctor if the accommodations are required due to a medically-treated issue such as an injury, a vision impairment, deafness, paralysis, ADD or ADHD (treated with prescriptions), a psychological condition, or a physical disability.

### **Registration Options**

To reserve an accommodations seat through the online registration system, register online and select "Yes" for the box that asks "Does your child have a diagnosed learning difference requiring accommodations on the ISEE?" Once you have registered, you will receive an email attachment with the Testing with Accommodations Form for your child's current school to complete. ERB also requires a copy of the supporting documentation. The Current School Statement Form and a copy of the supporting documentation must be submitted **5 weeks** in advance of the test date you select, for review/approval. You may fax this form to 212-370-4095 OR scan and email it to [submit@erblearn.org](mailto:submit@erblearn.org) OR upload it from your ISEE online account.

### **Questions and Additional Information**

Contact [iseeaccommodations@erblearn.org](mailto:iseeaccommodations@erblearn.org) with any questions regarding testing with accommodations.

Contact [iseereviewer@erblearn.org](mailto:iseereviewer@erblearn.org) with any questions regarding the supporting documentation requirements for testing with accommodations.

# SSAT

The SSAT is an admission test that has four levels: a Primary Level, Lower Level, Middle Level, and Upper Level.

- Elementary Level – Students currently in grades 3 and 4 who are candidates for grades 4 or 5
- Middle Level – Students currently in grades 5-7 who are candidates for grades 6-8
- Upper Level – Students currently in grades 8-11 who are candidates for grades 9-12

| <b>Upper Level</b><br>(Candidates for grades 9-12) |                        |   |
|--|------------------------|---|
| <b>Test</b>  | <b>Number of Items</b> | <b>Time (Min)</b>                                   |
| Writing Sample                                     |                        | 25  |
| Quantitative 1                                     | 25                     | 30  |
| Reading Comprehension                              | 40                     | 40  |
| Verbal   | 60                     | 30  |
| Quantitative 2                                     | 25                     | 30  |
| Experimental                                       | 16                     | 15  |
| <b>Total Time</b>                                  |                        | <b>2 hours 20 minutes</b><br>(not including breaks) |

## Purpose

The purpose of the SSAT is to measure the basic verbal, quantitative, and reading skills students develop over time—skills that are needed for successful performance in independent schools. The SSAT provides independent school admission professionals with meaningful information about the possible academic success of potential students like you at their institutions, regardless of students' background or experience. The SSAT is not an achievement test. Your most recent classroom math test, for example, was probably an achievement test: Your teacher specifically designed it to evaluate how much you know about what has been covered in class. The SSAT, on the other hand, is designed to measure the verbal, quantitative, and reading skills you have acquired, instead of focusing on your mastery of particular course materials. Further, SSAT tests are not designed to measure other characteristics, such as motivation, persistence, or creativity that may contribute to your success in school.

## **SSAT Student Registration**

### **Online Registration**

- Standard Upper Level SSAT: \$124
- Late Registration - \$40 additional fee (effective 12:00 AM EDT on the dates listed on page 20)
- Rush Registration - \$80 additional fee (effective 12:00 AM EDT on the dates listed on page 20)
- Change Test Date/Center Fee - \$35 additional fee

### **Refund Policy**

SSAT does not offer refunds for cancelled tests or related fees. If you cannot test on the date for which you registered, you may reschedule to a different test date for a \$35 change fee (see above). [Click here for information on changing your test registration.](#)

### **Fee Waivers**

If you are a student applying to an SSATB member school and you are unable to pay the test fee due to financial hardship, you may be eligible to receive an SSAT fee waiver. A limited number of fee waivers are available directly from SSATB member schools. Only one fee waiver can be applied at the time of registration.

Contact the admission office at the school to which you are applying and inquire about fee waiver availability. SSATB does not offer fee waivers directly to students/families. You must obtain the fee waiver from a school before registering for a test. Fee waivers cannot be applied after test registration is completed. Fee waiver amounts are determined solely by the school and can be assigned for the full test fee or a partial payment.

A fee waiver covers the test fee only and can be used as a full or partial payment. It cannot be applied toward late or rush fees, test change fees, score order fees, publications, or any fees that have already been paid. Any additional fees must be paid at the time of registration.

## SSAT Score Reporting

Scores are released within two weeks after receipt of test materials.

While you can check your account on [ssat.org](https://ssat.org), SSAT offers other options for quick access to your scores. Accessing your online score report and adding and canceling score reports is free. You can also order these additional services:

- Score Alert via text or email: \$22
- Score Reports mailed to your home: \$25
- Score Reports sent via FedEx to your home: \$35

You can purchase your SSAT Writing Sample for \$22. Writing samples are not released to students and families with test scores unless ordered separately.

Sending your score reports to schools is free, and you can send your scores to as many schools as you choose. You designate which schools will receive your scores—either before or after you take the SSAT. You may choose to wait until you have seen your scores before deciding to send them to schools. You can do this online.

Additionally, if you want your current school or advisor to receive a copy of your score report, you can designate them as an advisor using your SSAT account.

## SSAT Accommodations

If you require special testing accommodations for a school-documented disability or require testing on a Sunday because you observe a Saturday Sabbath, you may apply for special test accommodations when taking the SSAT.

Special accommodations requests related to school-documented disabilities are only accepted if valid documentation exists to show that you routinely receive these accommodations in your current school setting. Approval is provided by a school official who attests to the valid documentation on file and attests to the fact that the student routinely receives the approved accommodations in his/her school. Testing accommodations are not approved for temporary disabilities, such as a concussion or broken arm.

Valid documentation (for the current academic year) includes:

- Student's IEP
- Student's 504 Plan
- Psychological evaluations or recommendations
- If you require SSAT testing on a Sunday because you observe a Saturday Sabbath, valid documentation includes:
- An official letter from a church official

**NOTE: SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS MUST BE APPROVED PRIOR TO TEST REGISTRATION. AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION, THESE ACCOMMODATIONS MUST BE APPLIED TO THE TEST REGISTRATION BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE BOX.**

### **How to request special accommodations for the SSAT:**

1. Visit [www.ssat.org](http://www.ssat.org) to "Create a Student Account" and then log into your account.
2. After logging into your account, select "My Tests".
3. Select "Register for Special Accommodations" from this screen.
4. Select "Apply for Special Testing Accommodations" by checking the box on this screen.
5. A box listing all available special accommodations will now appear. Check the box(es) for any accommodations you will request. Then provide the contact information for the school official who can authorize your request. Click "SUBMIT" when you have entered all of the information.

Once the school official approves your request, you will get an email from SSAT letting you know that you can now register for a test.

When you register for the test, be sure to choose a site that has seats for special accommodation testers by checking the box labeled "Test Centers that accept students with special accommodations".

# ACCUPLACER

ACCUPLACER is an admission test used by Morris County Vocational School District.

ACCUPLACER test questions are based on your responses to previous questions. Questions will either increase or decrease in difficulty depending on how you respond. ACCUPLACER tests are untimed; however, it is important to allow yourself enough time to complete the test since test results are a key factor in determining school you can enroll in. ACCUPLACER test results are available immediately following your test.

| NEXT GENERATION ACCUPLACER                                  |                 |            |
|---|-----------------|------------|
| (See MCVSD handout for requirements for specific academies) |                 |            |
| Test  | Number of Items | Time (Min) |
| Arithmetic  | 20              | Not timed  |
| Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics             | 20              | Not timed  |
| Reading   | 20              | Not timed  |
| Written Essay   |                 | 45         |

## Purpose

ACCUPLACER is a suite of tests that determines your knowledge in math, reading and writing. ACCUPLACER is used as part of the admissions process in the Morris County Vocational School District.



## **ACCUPLACER Student Registration**

Registration for the ACCUPLACER takes place online during the application process. You will have a pull-down menu of the dates and times available for your student to test. Test dates are scheduled on first come basis. Once a session is full, you will be unable to register and must select another date and time.

## **ACCUPLACER Score Reporting**

Admissions test scores will be available on the Applicant Status Page: (<https://portal.mcvts.org/application/status.aspx>) approximately one week after test administration. Applicants may test one time only.

## **ACCUPLACER Accommodations**

MCVSD will provide all accommodations as required per a student's up-to-date IEP/504. Gottesman RTW Academy will provide MCVSD with student accommodations at the parent's request.