

CATS Testing for the 2022-2023 School Year

The CATS test is a required step of Parish's application process for our kindergarten and first grade applicants. Please see below for what to expect during your testing session. Test registration is done through the CATS website, <https://www.catstexas.com/>. For questions or concerns, please reach out to Julie Blue, jblue@parish.org, or Caroline Doswell, cdoswell@parish.org.

2022-2023 Admission Season:

- 1) The CATS registration fee is \$300.
- 2) Applicants are encouraged to register and test as early as possible, to prevent a rush of testing in winter months.

What to expect for your CATS appointment

- 1) All consents for testing will be completed electronically prior to the appointment to minimize exchange of materials between tester and parents. If your signed consent is not received 24 hours prior to testing, the appointment will automatically be cancelled.
- 2) Adults may accompany the child to the appointment and must wear a face mask. Each tester will have her own waiting room procedures which will be communicated to you along with office location.
- 3) Please plan on arriving no more than five minutes before your appointment to avoid waiting room overlap with other individuals and families.
- 4) The accompanying parent must wait in the waiting room
- 5) You and your child will be asked to sanitize your hands upon entering and leaving the office. Your child may also be asked to sanitize his/ her hands during the course of the evaluation if deemed necessary by the tester.
- 6) Your child will accompany the tester to the office where he/she will sit across from one another at a small table. A plexiglass divider with pass through will be on the table between child and tester throughout the administration of the exam.
- 7) The tester will wear a clear face shield. The tester will NOT wear a mask during testing so that your child can see her facial expression and lip movements. Your child is required to wear a mask. Any difficulty with comprehension of your child's communication due to the mask will be noted in the report the school receives.
- 8) All materials, hardware, and furniture touched by applicants during the course of testing will be thoroughly sanitized between evaluation sessions.