

# Secondary School Advising Office

## Secondary School Admissions Test (SSAT) Information Sheet

### What is the SSAT?

The Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT) is an admission test for various independent schools. The SSAT is a norm-referenced test that compares a student's performance with that of other students of the same grade who have taken the SSAT in the United States and Canada on a standard test date in the previous three years (norm group). The SSAT can be taken as a paper or computer based test in group, home or flex settings. Please note: The norm group is a highly competitive group and the SSAT score is only one part of a student's complete application.

### Who should take the SSAT?

Not all 8th or 9th grade students need to take the SSAT for their independent school applications, and it is NOT required for public schools. Please consult with the Secondary School Advising Office to understand more about your student and the ssat. <https://www.ssat.org/>

### What is the Format of the SSAT?

The Upper Level SSAT is a multiple-choice test consisting of verbal, quantitative (math), and reading comprehension sections, plus an unscored writing sample.

<https://www.ssat.org/pages/upper-level>

### Test Prep Options

According to SSAT, familiarity with the format of the test and review of practice questions will improve the test-taking experience. SSAT.org has book and online resources for prep and practice tests including

- Printed and Online Test Prep options: <https://www.ssat.org/prepare/practice>
- Private Tutorial may also be considered and there are many private tutoring/prep courses available.

## Registering for the SSAT

- Determine if the SSAT is a requirement for your child's school applications. If you are unsure, please contact Secondary School Advising at Carroll School.
- Go to [ssat.org](https://www.ssat.org) and create an account.
- Request accommodations through [ssat.org](https://www.ssat.org). Please refer to the "[Requesting Accommodations for the SSAT](#)" detailed instructions. Once you submit your request for accommodations through the SSAT, the Carroll's SSA office will receive notification. Upon approval of your request, you will receive an email stating that you are able to register for a test.
- Register for the test. *NOTE:* If you are requesting accommodations, they must be approved before you can register for a specific test date/location.
- IMPORTANT: When registering for the SSAT, please list Carroll School as a score recipient and as an advisor. The Carroll School Score Recipient Code is **2134**.
- You may list all schools that you would like to receive your child's scores or you may choose to complete this section following the receipt of your child's test scores.
- Please be sure to check the Admission Ticket once your registration is complete. Specifically, please check the requested accommodations. Checking your ticket early for errors will allow for ample time to make any adjustments.

### SSAT Contact Information:

Website: <https://www.ssat.org/>

Phone SSAT: 609-683-4440 (M-F 9:00 am-5:00 pm EDT)