



PLANNING TIMELINE & CHECKLIST

SHSAT

GRADE 7: OCT. - DEC.

Research options and create a plan.

- Research specialized high schools. Reach out to trusted sources for the inside scoop.
- Make a shortlist of companies that offer SHSAT classes and tutoring. Consider their reputation, experience, and level of service. Learn about which options are right for your child.
- Join a class, start tutoring, or begin independent prep if extra enrichment is needed.

SUMMER: JUL. - AUG.

Use the summer to get ahead.

- Complete daily timed practice.
- Review missed questions from Jan. - Jun. practice tests & homework.
- Review the DOE released SHSAT Handbook. Take official practice tests in a timed, supervised setting.
- Consider joining a summer course or workshop.

GRADE 8: OCT.

Finish studying & take the SHSAT.

- Finish up last-minute prep. Work on weakest subjects. Stay fresh in strongest subjects.
- Take additional practice tests in a timed, supervised setting. Learn from your mistakes. Ask an expert for help.
- Take the test! Students with IEPs/504s test in Nov.

GRADE 7: JAN. - JUN.

Study!

- Enroll in a class, partner with a tutor, or begin independent study.
- Take a couple of practice SHSATs and review results. Refine study plan accordingly.
- Attend high school open houses to assess fit.

GRADE 8: SEPT.

Register for the SHSAT. Keep studying!

- Work with guidance counselor to obtain an admissions ticket.
- Rank the specialized high schools as a family.
- Continue preparing for the exam. Take practice tests and review them with an expert.

GRADE 8: MAR.

Receive results & send acceptance.

- Receive results from SHSAT and other high school applications. Accept an offer to your child's top-choice school.