

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT

### Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) Updates

As shared in the October 18 edition of [Principals Digest](#), schools in Districts 1-32 that terminate in grade 8, as well as District 75 and District 79 schools, will administer the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) to their registered grade 8 students on **November 17**. Please review the following items and take appropriate steps to prepare for the administration.

**Support Students with Registration:** As a reminder, detailed instructions for school staff to help register students for the SHSAT are in Section 5 of the [MySchools Guide](#); the deadline to register is **November 4**. Note that as in previous years, families can also register their student(s) in the parent portal on the family-facing [MySchools](#) page (account required).

**Review Testing Accommodations:** After **November 4**, you or your designated staff with MySchools access should review the MySchools-generated list of your students who are registered for the SHSAT and their testing accommodations (when applicable); this list should be shared with your school's test coordinator. Detailed instructions for reviewing, accessing, and downloading this list are in Section 3 of the [MySchools Guide](#).

If a student's testing accommodations in MySchools are incorrect or missing, you and your staff should refer to the instructions in Section 6 of the [MySchools Guide](#). Note that Section 6 guidance also details how to review each student's testing accommodations prior to **November 4**.

**School Lunch:** You, or your designee, should work with your school's [school food manager](#) to discuss how lunch meal service will be carried out for testing students on the day of SHSAT administration. Schools may request that bagged lunches be prepared for all students, including students with extended time accommodations, since they will not be able to leave the testing room to collect food from the cafeteria while the test is in progress.

**Print Test Tickets:** During the week of **November 14**, the DOE will notify families and school staff by email when test tickets are available in MySchools. When tickets are released, instructions for school staff to print SHSAT tickets will be updated in the [MySchools Guide](#).

Each student's test ticket will show their test location, test date, arrival time, and testing accommodations (if applicable). As in previous years, school staff should support their current students with accessing and printing test tickets; students should bring their test ticket to the test site on the day of the test.

**Print New Bilingual Glossaries:** English Language Learners (ELLs) and former ELLs are entitled to the use of bilingual glossaries on the SHSAT. New this year, bilingual glossaries must be provided to eligible students for both the English Language Arts (ELA) and math sections of the exam. Schools must

print **new glossaries** (available in all DOE languages) for their ELLs and former ELLs taking the exam. Note that glossaries from previous years administrations should not be used, as they cover only the math section; please dispose of these glossaries. To reduce the printing burden, schools that tested 25 or more ELLs last year will receive printed copies of bilingual glossaries in the highest incident language(s): Bengali, Chinese (Simplified), Russian, and/or Spanish. Additional quantities, as well as any other DOE language must be printed by the school.

**Make-Up Testing and Late Registration:** More information on make-up and late registration will be available after **November 19** via email from [HSEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:HSEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov) and in the [MySchools Guide](#).

School staff who are overseeing test administration should continue to reference the following pages for more information:

- [Specialized High Schools](#) family-facing page; and
- [Specialized High Schools Admissions Test InfoHub](#) page.

For questions about test administration, please email [SHSATassessment@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:SHSATassessment@schools.nyc.gov). For questions about SHSAT registration, testing accommodations, and admissions, please email [HSEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:HSEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov).