

## What the High School Placement Test (HSPT) Measures

### Cognitive Skills

**Verbal Skills (VB)** This test measures how well you perform reasoning tasks involving the use of words. Your ability in this area is related to your performance in language, reading and various areas within social studies.

**Quantitative Skills (QT)** This test measures your ability to do reasoning problems involving numbers and quantities. This ability is related to performance in mathematics, sciences and other areas that deal with numbers and things.

### Basic Skills

**Reading (RD)** This test measures your ability to remember important ideas and significant details, recognize central thought or purpose, make logical inferences and understand vocabulary in context. Since good reading habits and skills are essential to learning, thinking and problem solving, this score is usually related to your overall success in school.

**Mathematics (MT)** This test not only measures your ability to perform arithmetic operations and apply math concepts to solve problems, but also your knowledge of important concepts and ability to reason. Your score on this test tells you how well you are prepared for high school mathematics.

**Language (LN)** This test measures your knowledge of capitalization, punctuation, grammar, spelling, usage and composition.

## Study Guide for the HSPT

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