

# **East Catholic High School - Entrance Exam**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Who must take the Entrance Exam?**

Eighth graders and transfer students for Grade 9 or 10 applying for entry to East Catholic for the next academic year must take the HSPT exam.

### **Can you describe the Entrance Exam?**

The Entrance Exam taken at East Catholic is the HSPT, which stands for High School Placement Test. The sections of the exam include; Math problem solving, Math computation, Reading comprehension, Grammar and a Writing sample.

*No special preparation needed.*

### **What time does the exam begin?**

The Entrance Exam typically begins at 8:30 a.m. We recommend arriving 15 minutes prior.

### **Is there a fee to take the Entrance Exam?**

Yes. There is a \$25 non-refundable fee that covers that cost of processing the exam.

### **How long does the exam last? Do I need to bring anything?**

Actual testing time for the Entrance Exam is approximately 3 1/2 hours (including the writing sample). We do have breaks between testing sections. We provide the #2 pencil and snacks. Students are dismissed from the exam between 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon.

### **What if it snows the day of the Entrance Exam?**

If the exam needs to be cancelled due to inclement weather we will post the information on our website, notify WFSB and WVIT of cancellation information.

We have the first exam Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. We also have a Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> exam.

The “snow” date for the November and December exams is always the following Saturday.

### **Are any scholarships awarded based on Entrance Exam results?**

Merit scholarships are awarded to high achievers from the November and December exams. Students may take the exam only once.

### **How are the Exam results used?**

The Entrance Exam results are used for admission and as a test to guide course selection and appropriate class placement.