



Charleston Day School

11 Sempember 2017

Welcome Back to School Eighth Grade Parents!

On Saturday, January 6, 2018, the SSAT and the ISEE will be offered at Charleston Day School. These entrance exams will cover most of the standardized test requirements for completed applications into high school and boarding school. In order to help boost your child's performance and minimize their anxiety towards the test, we will offer practice tests for the SSAT and ISEE as well as a test-taking workshop in the October.

Research shows that taking timed practice tests in a true test-like atmosphere helps to improve a student's test score and greatly reduce their anxiety. Therefore, we will offer a standardized test-taking seminar, Sunday, October 8, and practice tests on October 28 or November 10 (if you are not shadowing a school). **Taking at least one practice test at school is not mandatory but is recommended.**

Early preparation, commitment from school and home, and multiple practice tests will ensure our students are prepared to do their very best!

Sincerely,

Andy Willits

*Refer to the reverse side of this page for more information about the ISEE and SSAT.

TEST-PREP INFORMATION AND HOME RECOMMENDATIONS

Practice Test Dates:

Saturday, October 28, 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Friday, November 10, 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. (If you are not visiting a school.)

*Registration and fee are not required.

*Meet in the CDS Commons.

Test-taking Workshop by Tim Jantzi: Sunday, October 8, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 noon. The cost of the workshop is \$75. Please make checks out to Tim Jantzi the day of the workshop.

Local High Schools generally require the ISEE, but some (like Porter and Ashley Hall) will accept the SSAT for those applying to both boarding and local schools. Boarding schools require that applicants take the SSAT.

Home Recommendations:

We recommend that our students take the initiative to do some practice on their own. One good way to study is to purchase your own copy of the Princeton Review's practice book **Cracking the SSAT & ISEE 2018 Edition** and take one or two full practice tests at home. Your book should include at least two upper-level full-length practice tests, proven strategies, practice questions, and vocabulary reference section where students will generate the words for their note cards.

Another good way to practice, but a bit more costly, is to register with **Test Innovators Prep for Success** adaptive online service, which provides personalized instruction, online practice tests, and immediate feedback. Test Innovators offers specialized test-prep packages for the SSAT and ISEE. Please see the attached flyers for more information about their training programs.

To learn more about the SSAT & ISEE, see their Web sites:

www.ssat.org

www.iseetest.org