

The High School Application Process

Some Helpful Reminders

2025-2026

- **Summer**

- Schedule Shadow Days -- two floating, excused days; SUS is closed on these dates:
 - Monday, 9/22
 - Friday, 10/3
 - Friday, 10/17 (Parent Teacher Conferences)
 - Monday, 10/20
 - Monday, 11/3 (Staff Retreat)
- Visit the high schools' websites.
- Develop a list of your child's honors and activities.
- Think about possible essays and interview questions.
- Work in the HSPT practice book.

- **Fall**

- Shadow at the high schools -- Be sure to return excused absence form to Mrs. Marinaro.
- Register for HSPT -- registration opens Tuesday, 9/9/25.
 - You **MUST** select St. Ursula School as the test site. If a student registering for the test is currently enrolled at an AOB school, that student must take the test at that school. This is an AOB requirement.
- Submit documentation for testing accommodations by Friday, 10/31/25 (if applicable).
- Attend a regional high school fair -- SUS hosting on Wednesday, 9/24, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Attend Open Houses.
- Read the Catholic High School Application Guide (will be distributed at school).
- Work in the HSPT practice book.

- **November**

- Work on applications to individual schools.
- Check deadlines for scholarships and financial aid applications.
- Check requirements for specialized programs such as STEM or performing arts (some programs may require a portfolio).
- Continue to prepare for HSPT.
- If scholarship candidates need teacher recommendations (not for general admission), please send in a written request with the scholarship form **at least two weeks in advance**, to the attention of Mrs. Susan Williams.
- High School Placement Test -- Wednesday, 11/19/25 **@ SUS!!**
 - Reading, Vocabulary, English, and Math
 - HSPT results and academic records will be sent to the schools listed on the test registration.

- **December**
 - HSPT results will be emailed to the parents/guardians.
 - Catholic high school application deadline -- Wednesday, December 10.
- **January** -- Application deadline for independent schools or public school magnet programs.
*Please note that we will process these requests *after* we have finished processing the Catholic school forms.
- **February** -- High School Decisions Notification -- mid-February
- **Spring** -- Registration deadlines and math/foreign language placement testing
- **June** -- 8th grade end of year progress reports, test scores, and immunization records sent to your child's high school