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STANDARDIZED TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Maimonides School does not require standardized testing results. However, if an applicant to Grades 9–12 would like to be considered for **honors placement in General Studies**, standardized test results must be submitted to Maimonides School by **February 1**. The Upper School Admissions Committee accepts the following test results: the Educational Records Bureau's CTP 4 (called the ERB), the Secondary School Admission Test (the SSAT), or the Independent School Entrance Exam (the ISEE). Please see the associated websites for information on testing dates and locations.

The ERB Test (www.erbtest.org)

The Educational Records Bureau's Comprehensive Testing Program (CTP 4) is the only standardized achievement test designed specifically for high-achieving schools and schools wishing to set high standards. Developed for ERB by Educational Testing Service, CTP 4 provides useful instructional information to administrators and teachers for students up to and including the highest achievement levels. Many elementary and middle schools (including Grades 6–10 at Maimonides School) give this each year to learn more about their students and academic programs. The test includes sections on vocabulary, reading comprehension, writing, and mathematics.

The SSAT Test (www.ssat.org)

The Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT) consists of two parts: a brief essay, and a multiple-choice aptitude test which measures students' abilities to solve mathematics problems, to use language, and to comprehend what they read. The Writing Sample includes one topic statement which students are asked to support or argue, using specific examples from personal experience, current events, history or literature. This portion is not scored by SSAT, but a copy of the writing sample is sent to Maimonides School. The Math portion consists of two sections of 25 questions each. Students are required to do math computation similar to what they do in school or what is useful in everyday life. The Verbal section consists of 30 synonym and 30 analogy questions. The Reading Comprehension section includes 40 questions based on about 7 passages. These questions measure students' abilities to read quickly and comprehend what they read.

The ISEE Test (www.erbtest.org)

The Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) is recommended if the applicant's current school does not offer the ERB. It is a three-hour admission test for entrance into Grades 9–12. The ISEE consists of carefully constructed and standardized verbal and quantitative reasoning tests that measure a student's capability for learning, and reading comprehension and mathematics achievement tests that provide specific information about an individual's strengths and weaknesses in those areas. It includes a timed essay written in response to an assigned topic. The essay is not scored, but a copy is forwarded to the recipient schools.