



Course Title: HSPT & ISEE Test Preparation Course

Goal: The goal of this course is to prepare students for the High School Placement Test (HSPT) and the Independent School Entrance Examination (ISEE). This course will also be beneficial to students preparing for the Secondary School Admissions Test (SSAT) or the Cooperative Admissions Examination (COOP) since these assessments are very similar in format and content to the HSPT and ISEE. The course focuses on honing students' skills in verbal reasoning, critical reading, quantitative reasoning, mathematics and essay writing so that they are prepared for these sections of the exam.

Course Outline

Day 1

- » Student and instructor introductions
- » Students take High School Placement Test (HSPT) Practice Test 1

Day 2

- » Review HSPT Practice Test 1
- » Overview of HSPT and ISEE test formats and question types
- » Compare the HSPT and ISEE
- » Test-taking strategies introduced
- » Vocabulary development

Day 3

- » Verbal skills overview and practice
 - Synonyms
 - Verbal analogies
 - Verbal logic and classifications
 - Antonyms

Day 4

- » Language skills overview and practice
 - Spelling
 - Punctuation and capitalization
 - English usage
 - Language composition and expression exercises
- » Review spelling and vocabulary words

Day 5

- » Students take Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) Practice Test 1

Day 6

- » Review ISEE Practice Test 1
- » Compare the ISEE and SSAT
- » Reading comprehension overview and practice
- » Vocabulary review

Day 7

- » Quantitative skills instruction and practice
- » Mathematics concepts jigsaw instruction
- » Mathematics practice exercises

Day 8

- » Mathematics concept review
- » Mathematics practice exercises and game
- » Review ISEE Practice Test 1 essay
- » Essay writing overview and practice exercises

Day 9

- » HSPT Practice Test 2

Day 10

- » Review HSPT Practice Test 2
- » Vocabulary jeopardy and math game
- » Closing remarks