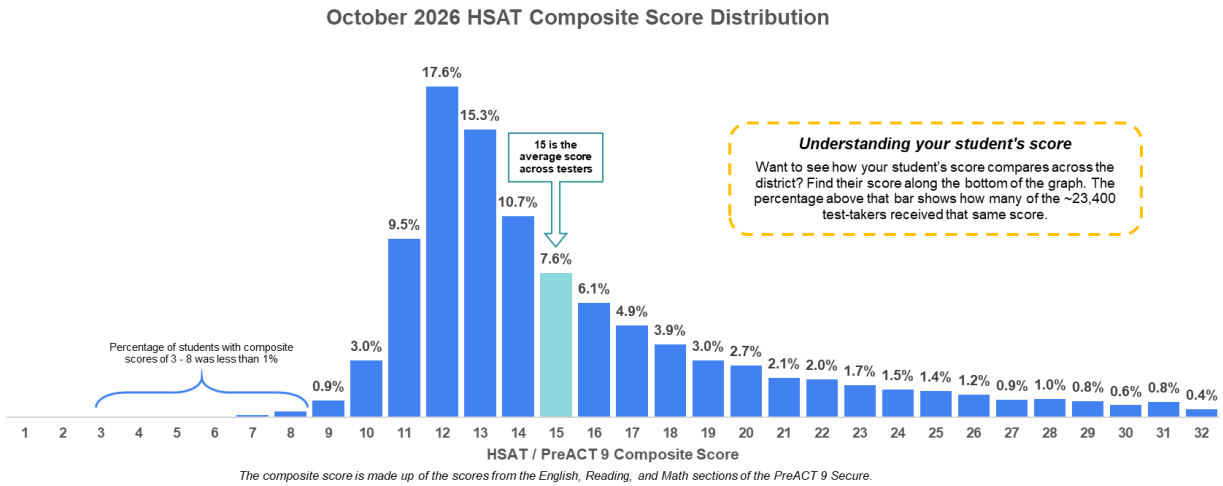
Understanding HSAT Scores

GoCPS 2027-28

Congratulations on the successful completion of your child's High School Admissions Test (HSAT). CPS is now using the PreACT 9 Secure test for the HSAT. With the change in the test from prior years, we want to provide some initial information to help you better understand your student's HSAT composite score as you finalize their GoCPS application for 9th grade.

The highest maximum score on the PreACT 9 Secure is a 32. Here is how students who tested for the GoCPS high school admissions process scored on the exam:



The composite score is made up of the scores from the English, Reading, and Math sections of the PreACT 9 Secure.

CPS has a wide variety of programs as a part of the GoCPS high school application. Students can apply to two different categories of programs — **Selective Enrollment programs**, and **Choice programs**, which include International Baccalaureate, Military, Career and Technical Education programs, and more. All selective enrollment programs, and some choice programs, require an HSAT score.

We encourage you to think about the best fit for your child based on their academic interests, where programs are located, and which extracurricular activities they are interested in. **This guide** provides an overview of all GoCPS programs and whether or not they have HSAT and/or GPA requirements.

When applying, students should rank their program choices in order of preference. Students will be able to create two lists — a Selective Enrollment list and a Choice list. Our main - and best - advice is always to have students rank schools in the order they want to be considered, regardless of their score. Even if you believe your child's first choice might be out of reach based on their score, there is no harm in putting it as your first choice. The way the selection process works is that students are still being considered for their second choice, third choice, and so on until we are able to match them to a program. Once we do match students to a program, we do not consider any of the choices that were placed lower on their application. This is why it's so important for students to rank their programs in their true order of preference.

Students can receive a maximum of one Selective Enrollment program offer and one Choice program offer. Students also have a guaranteed offer to their neighborhood and (when applicable) continuing school. A reminder that the GoCPS application closes on Friday, November 13 at 5 p.m., and that GoCPS high school offers will be released on February 12, 2027.

We hope that the above information is helpful in providing some details about the overall score distribution for the HSAT Pre-ACT 9 Secure. If you have any questions about the GoCPS application process, please call at 773-553-2060, or email **gocps@cps.edu**.

Sincerely,

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