High School Program Scoring Rubric

Overview - 640 Points

The application scoring system considers the CPS High School Admissions Test (HSAT) which is the PreACT 9 Secure (50% of the total) and seventh-grade grades for core subjects (50% of the total). The weights for the scoring components are established by using a total of 640 points, with each 50% element worth 320 points.

CPS High School Admissions Test (HSAT) - 320 Points

Points from the HSAT are determined by multiplying the PreACT 9 Secure Composite Score by 10 to get a maximum score of 320. The possible PreACT 9 Secure scores are 1 through 32 depending on test performance. The composite score is made up of the English, Reading, and Math sections of the PreACT 9 Secure.

Seventh Grade Grades - 320 Points

Points from grades are calculated by multiplying a student's final 7th grade GPA by 80. With a maximum possible point total of 320 (4.0 X 80 = 320).

Geographic Area Bonus for Certain Programs - 35 Points

Certain programs provide a 35-point bonus for students who reside within a school's geographic location just prior to selections. For these programs, a student can receive a total of 675 points.

The following programs award geographical points:

All IB programs & Hubbard- University Scholars

Total Score Calculation Worksheet:

HSAT Calculation

HSAT Composite Score _____ x 10 = Total HSAT Points_____ (max. 320)

Grade Points Calculation

GPA _____ x 80 = Total Grade Points_____ (max. 320)

Final Calculation

Total HSAT Points _____ + Total Grade Points _____ = **Total Score** _____
Total Score is out of 640 points

Tiebreaker:

Tiebreakers are used when students have the same point total and there are not enough seats for everyone with a tied score to receive an offer. The tiebreaker method will determine the order that eligible students will be placed in for any remaining available seats.

Choice High Schools

For all choice programs that use a points-based selection process, including IB, Military, Fine & Performing Arts, and CTE programs a computerized lottery will determine the order that tied students will be placed in.

Selective Enrollment High Schools

For all selective enrollment programs, tiebreaker will be run in the following order:

- HSAT Math Score
- HSAT Reading Score
- Random Computerized Lottery

First the HSAT Math scores will be looked at, if the HSAT Math scores are identical for students, then HSAT Reading scores will be looked at, if the HSAT Reading scores are the same, a random computerized lottery will take place to determine the order the students are placed in line.