ISEE vs SSAT

Learn the differences between the ISEE and SSAT and start planning for your test day.
No matter which test you take, prep for success with Test Innovators!

TEST LEVELS

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- **PRIMARY*** Entering grades 2-4
- **LOWER** Entering grades 5-6
- **MIDDLE** Entering grades 7-8
- **UPPER** Entering grades 9-12

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- **ELEMENTARY*** Entering grades 4-5
- **MIDDLE** Entering grades 6-8
- **UPPER** Entering grades 9-12

*ISEE Primary and SSAT Elementary are not compared beyond this point

AVAILABLE OPTIONS

AT HOME | PROMETRIC | SCHOOL/ OFFICE

TESTING FREQUENCY

Test up to 3 times

FALL Aug-Nov | WINTER Dec-Mar | SPRING/ SUMMER Apr-Jul

Students can test once per season

ANSWER CHOICES

4

SCORING

PERCENTILE
SCALED
STANINE

EXPERIMENTAL QUESTIONS

21

INTERSPERSED

Questions randomly distributed in each section

(Lower Level: 17 questions)

QUESTION DIFFICULTY

INCREASING

Question difficulty increases throughout each section

POINT ALLOCATION

1 CORRECT | 0 SKIPPED | 0 INCORRECT

STRUCTURE

ISEE	SSAT
161 Questions	151 Questions
2hr 40min	2hr 35min
(Lower Level: 2hr 20min, 128 questions)	
20 min: 40 Questions **Verbal Reasoning** (Lower Level: 34 questions)	25 min: **Writing Sample**
35 min: 37 Questions **Quantitative Reasoning** (Lower Level: 38 questions)	5 min break (Paper) / 10 min break (Computer)
10 min break	30 min: 25 Questions **Quantitative**
35 min: 36 Questions **Reading Comprehension** (Lower Level: 25 questions/25 min)	40 min: 40 Questions **Reading**
40 min: 47 Questions **Mathematics Achievement** (Lower Level: 30 questions/30 min)	10 min break
10 min break	30 min: 60 Questions **Verbal**
30 min: **Essay**	30 min: 25 Questions **Quantitative**

AVAILABLE OPTIONS

AT HOME/ PROMETRIC | STANDARD/ FLEX

TESTING FREQUENCY

Test up to 9 times

2	6	1
AT HOME/ PROMETRIC	STANDARD	FLEX

Students can test August-July

SCORING

PERCENTILE
SCALED

ANSWER CHOICES

5

EXPERIMENTAL QUESTIONS

16

GROUPED

Questions form the 15-minute experimental section

QUESTION DIFFICULTY

RANDOM

Question difficulty varies throughout each section

POINT ALLOCATION

1 CORRECT | 0 SKIPPED | -¼ INCORRECT

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CONTENT + ORGANIZATION

Reading

ISEE: STRUCTURED — 6 passages with 6 questions each (Lower Level has 5 passages with 5 questions each)

SSAT: VARIABLE + POETRY — 8 passages with a variable number of questions per passage

Math

ISEE:

Contains **Quantitative Comparison** questions, which ask you to compare two expressions

- QUANTITATIVE REASONING
  - Problem solving
  - Critical thinking
- MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT
  - Knowledge-based
  - Advanced concepts

(Lower Level: Does not have quantitative comparison questions)

SSAT: QUANTITATIVE
- Critical thinking
- Knowledge-based

Verbal

ISEE: SYNONYMS + SENTENCE COMPLETIONS

SSAT: SYNONYMS + ANALOGIES

Writing

ISEE: ESSAY — 1 personal essay prompt

SSAT: CREATIVE

- MIDDLE LEVEL: Choice between 1 creative and 1 personal essay prompt
- UPPER LEVEL: Choice between 1 general and 1 personal essay prompt

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