

👜 What to bring with you & Thoughts for Hunter Test Day 🛍️
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- * Your ticket. If they require it TO BE SIGNED by guardian and student please do so. In the case of a mishap, they should have your paperwork/provide it to you, but have an electronic version at the ready on your phone too to possibly help guide this process.
- * For 2023 testing, a MASK is not required. If that changes, you should practice with one. You can wear one if you want to. Follow their rules about if it can be personalized or not. Perhaps bring more than one.
- * Your ID (some kids won't have this, but if you have, bring it, just in case).
- * Have a Plan B ready about how you're getting to the school. DON'T SHOW UP LATE!!!!
- * Money (no special reason, just in case)
- * If you wear glasses, bring them
- * If you take medication, take it as normal and/or right before entering the building
- * A bunch of #2 pencils. Avoid a pencil sharpener and bring extra pencils instead. You will probably not be allowed to keep your pencil case on your desk, however, consider a clear zip-lock bag.
- * Avoid pink erasers. Favor an eraser such as the Staedtler white polymer erasers (Elmers and Staples make them too). Try to avoid erasing. And generally nothing in the ELA or math should require erasing; you're the only one to see it, therefore gently cross it out instead!!! Be careful erasing on your final writing draft.
- * A bottle of water and "easy snacks"... think tic-tacks here, or something that can be left unopened on your desk top and is not messy (so not a chocolate bar, but maybe gum). Note: some proctors will dis/allow different things, but in the worst case you will want it for right after the exam.
- * Multiple layers of clothing that can be put on or taken off depending upon how you're feeling during the test. You can get hot and cold back and forth. Be comfortable. Too much is better than too little, no matter winter or summer, just put extra in your bag, behind your chair, etc.
- * If you want: bring colored pencils IF you've been using them all along. Avoid bringing highlighters. And if you haven't used a highlighter previously, test day is usually not the day to start. You will not need a protractor or ruler. NO White-Out!
- * A "dumb" watch. Use the one you're already using (right, you guys are already using one for practice?). Maybe a second one just in case the battery goes out. NOTE: the dumb watch can't have any functions, no builtin calculator, and should have no alarm. Technically you're probably not allowed to do a countdown either. Stay safe in this choice. You don't want to be told you can't use your watch. This can be an inexpensive watch from a 99c store so long as it is simple and not a complete piece of garbage. Digital or analog is fine. The proctor will provide some time information during the test, and there may be a clock in the room (broken or with the wrong time), however, you want to be in complete control of your own time.
- * No other "tech" is allowed on your desk, and should be turned off and kept in your bag, or not brought with you at all, unless you have an IEP or 504.
- * Some prefer these and/or need: A slant board, a pencil grip, and a magnifying glass is sometimes allowed on some tests, but unless you always use these, Hunter Test Day is not the day to start.
- * Sleep your normal sleep schedule. Hunter Test Day is not the day to start drinking coffee if it is not your normal. Eat a good breakfast but don't "sugar up" especially if it is not your normal.

* Keep things a little more passive than usually as test day gets closer.

* Try to have your child meet you somewhere afterwards and not necessarily you meeting them. The test site, with possible double sessions, and thousand of students and many thousands of families, can be messy and confusing. And this year no doubt some pandemic rules for crowd control. See what your ticket says.

* Hunter's job is to get the students to their assigned testing rooms. But your student's job is to go to the bathroom before they get to their assigned room. This is probably best done as soon as the student enters the building, just say you gotta go!

* Remember that you can write anything and everything on your test sheet and planning page. If you need extra scrap paper they will provide it to you. Although Hunter will collect everything, they only look at your bubble sheet and final essay.

* Plan a relaxing day for after the test! You did it!!!

* I'm not Hunter. Anything Hunter says to override anything I'm saying then absolutely go by what they say. Do pass by any differences you notice to me though as it could be a misinterpretation or a new policy. If nothing else, there will be new covid related policies on-the-fly. Thanks.

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