

👛 What to bring with you & Thoughts for SHSAT Day 🛒

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* Your ticket (some schools will provide this, but if you can, print your own). The ticket needs TO BE SIGNED by guardian and student, on some in MULTIPLE PLACES. Students should have an electronic version at the ready on their phone too.

* A MASK will be required (to be determined).

* 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 pink erasers and favor something such as the Staedtler white polymer erasers also made by Staples, Elmers, etc. and in some cases a kneading eraser. (BTW this is only for your bubble sheet, otherwise there is generally nothing else students should be erasing, you're the only ones to see it so cross it out instead!!!)

* A bottle of water and "easy snacks" (think tic-tacs here, or something that can be left unopened on your desk top and not messy (so not a chocolate bar)). Some proctors will dis/allow different things, but in the worst case you want it for right after the exam.

* Multiple layers of clothing that can be put on, taken off, and un/zipped depending upon how you're feeling.

* If you want: different colored highlighters (try to avoid them being strong smelling) or colored pencils.

* 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.

* No other "tech" is allowed unless you have an IEP or 504

* Some prefer these and/or need: A slant board, a pencil grip, and a magnifying glass is allowed, but unless you always use these, SHSAT Day is not the day to start

* Sleep your normal sleep schedule. SHSAT 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.

* Try to have your child meet you somewhere afterwards and not necessarily you meeting them. Since for some students this is at your own school this year, this won't be as bad a deal as going to a test site with double sessions and thousand of students and many thousands of families, but can still be messy.

* Your school'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, so this is probably best done as soon as the student enters the building, just say you gotta go!

* Plan a relaxing day for after the test!

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