# 1. Taking the SSAT at FSA on Saturday, November 10th

# **Directions**

Email Laura James to request a reservation.

<u>ljames@friendsschoolatlanta.org</u>

She'll send you all the details.

Laura will create the student accounts online and complete the registrations.

The Enrollment Management of SSAT charges \$139.00 for the test. FSA does not charge a fee for hosting the test.

If your child is eligible for test accommodations, direct the request to Laura James when you register for the test. *Deadline Oct. 26* 

The Deadline to register to test at FSA is October 26, 2018

# 2. Taking the SSAT Prep Class as FSA

Directions Return this form and check to Anna by September 11.
Student's name
My check for \$130 payable to FSA is attached. (Fee includes 6 sessions and a practice book.)
Deadline to register for class is September 11
Class meeting dates: Thursdays 3:30-4:30 October 4, 11, 18, 25 November 1, 8

# **FAQ**

# <u>Does my student need to take the SSAT for high school?</u>

Not all students take the SSAT.

This test is optional, but many independent schools require SSAT scores for admissions applications. *If you are not applying to private highschools*, your student does not need to take the SSAT. If you're unsure, please contact Rachel

## <u>Is there a fee for registration?</u>

Yes. SSAT charges a fee of \$139.00 for each test registration. *Contact Laura to talk about waiver requests.* FSA does not charge any fees for offering the test on our campus.

# How long will the test take?

Standard administration is about 3.5 hours.

### What if November 10th isn't convenient for us?

This nationally normed test is offered monthly at various schools around the city. Other standard dates and locations are available. We are offering this testing service to our students because having the opportunity to take the test in a familiar place with familiar faces often lowers anxiety.

#### How many times should my student take this test?

Most students take this test one time, though the organization allows multiple sittings. Some independent schools in Atlanta will allow "super scoring," which involves taking the highest language score from one test date and highest math score from a different test date.

### How do I request testing accommodations?

If your student is eligible for testing accommodations, direct the online request form to <a href="mailto:ljames@friendsschoolatlanta.org">ljames@friendsschoolatlanta.org</a> when you set up your account. Eligibility documentation on file is required for approval. (We are able to make most standard accommodations on our campus, but if you need individualized testing, please contact Laura directly.)

### \*How can my student prepare for the SSAT?

Understanding test-taking strategies for the SSAT and practice with the format will increase scores. There are several online practice sites and published prep books. It is important to note that anxiety about the test tends to negatively affect scores, so a balanced approach is best. We want our students to feel prepared but not stressed. We emphasize that this measure is only one component of an admissions application.

Middle School teachers ,Amy Lighthill and Doreen Allen will offer a prep class after school on 6 Thursdays beginning Oct. 4 and ending on Nov. 8. The fee of \$130 includes the course and a practice manual.

\*To sign up for the Prep Class, please return registration form and fee to Anna at the front desk. The deadline to register for this class is September 11.