

Opportunity Class Placement Test 2021 for entry to Year 5 in 2022

Test information for parents and students

Who must sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test?

Students whose parents have applied for them to be placed in a Year 5 opportunity class in 2022 must sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test.

When and where will the test be held?

The test will be held on the morning of **Wednesday 17 November 2021** at the school your child attends. The school will advise your child the timing of the test session they are required to attend. Some schools with large candidatures will be conducting more than one test session.

What is the structure of the test?

The test will be computer-based and 60 minutes in length. It will be a continuous test with no breaks. The test will be structured as follows:

Reading	2 questions; 14 items
Mathematical Reasoning	18 questions; 18 items
Thinking Skills	18 questions; 18 items

What happens if a student arrives late?

Students who arrive late may be allowed to take the test, but will be required to finish at the same time as other students. No extra time will be given.

What must students bring to the test?

Students must bring a printed copy of their 'Test authority letter' that shows their application number. If a student has forgotten the 'Test authority letter' but his or her name is on the 'Candidate record', the student can still sit the test. Items that a student must bring and should not bring are listed below.

Students MUST bring:	Students SHOULD NOT bring:
2 x lead pencils, an eraser and a sharpener in a clear, snap lock bag for use in working out answers	pencil cases, note paper, blank paper or other material such as dictionaries or books
glasses, asthma inhaler (and spacer), diabetes monitoring equipment if required	equipment such as rulers, calculators, computers, mobile phones, watches that calculate or beep or devices that photograph or communicate
water bottle – with no writing on it except for the brand name (kept under the seat)	any item or medication not already approved as an adjustment for disability

Hygiene precautions

Wearing of masks and using hand sanitiser is permitted if you wish your child to do so. The test administrator will be observing hygiene requirements in place for NSW schools.

Please do not bring your child to the test if he or she is ill with respiratory disease. Test administrators may not admit a student if they consider others in the test room to be at risk from contagious disease.

What should students wear to the test?

Students should wear school uniform, including a warm jumper.

What is expected of the students?

Students must follow the test administrator's instructions at all times. Students must not look at the work of others during the test. Students suspected of malpractice (cheating) risk having the test marks not counted for the whole test. Further information about malpractice can be found at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5/the-test/malpractice>.

Students should make sure they go to the toilet before they enter the test room. There will be no break for this test. If they need to leave the test to go to the toilet they will not be given extra time.

How do the students know how much time they have in each test?

The test will have a timer showing the remaining time of the test. No time warnings will be given before the end of the test.

Tips for students

The test is designed to show your ability so there is no particular material to study before the test. You'll use your knowledge and skills to answer challenging questions.

Familiarisation and Sample tests

A sample computer-based test to help familiarise students in the use of the software is available at:

<https://hps.au.janisoninsights.com/sampletest/oc-familiarisation> .

Samples of paper-based test questions are also provided at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5/the-test#Preparing4> , These can help students become familiar with the types of questions they may be asked on the day of the test.

On test day

- Line up outside the test room or as advised by the test administrator.
- Pay attention and follow all instructions from the test administrator at all times.
- Put your hand up if you have a problem or a question or if you need to go to the toilet.
- Don't talk to other students once you enter the test room.
- In the test room, sit at the desk which has a sheet showing your name and other personal details.

Students must bring a printed copy of their 'Test authority' letter to the test room on test day.

During the test

- Listen carefully to instructions.
- Put your hand up if you have any problems or any questions at any time.
- **Do not look at the work of others during the test.**
- Marks are not taken off for wrong answers. Incorrect, double or blank answers score zero. It is better to have a guess rather than leave an answer blank as this helps you make sure you are answering on the correct line.
- If you want to work anything out you can write on the back of the Student test slip.

Timing

Use your time wisely. Work steadily. If you find a question too difficult, do not spend a long time on it. Answer what you think is best or flag the question and come back to that question later if you have time.

There will be no time warnings during the test. You will need to check the timer on your device to find out how much time you have left.

Good advice

Get a good night's sleep the night before the test and try to keep calm. It's normal to feel nervous about a test. If you can relax, you will have a better chance to think clearly and do your best.

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