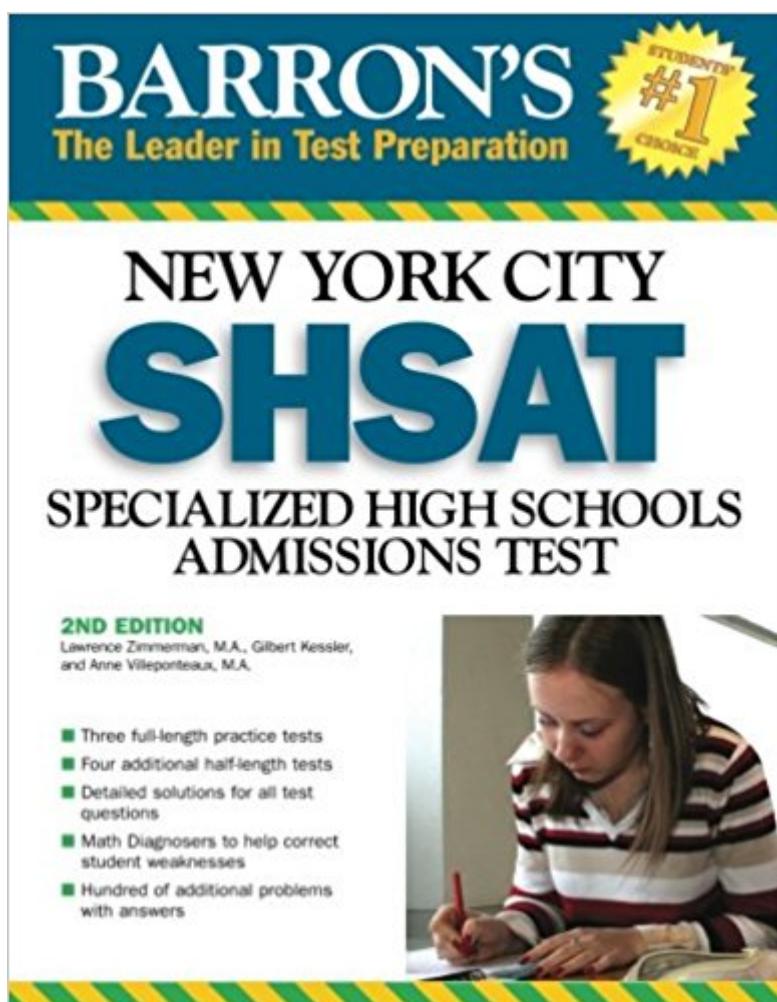


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# Barron's New York City SHSAT: Specialized High School Admissions Test (Barron's Shsat)



## **Synopsis**

Updated to reflect the most recent actual tests, this new edition of the SHSAT manual prepares eighth grade academic achievers for the competitive test that qualifies them to enter New York City's Specialized High Schools. The schools include the Bronx High School of Science, Brooklyn Technical High School, and Stuyvesant High School. The manual presents approximately 600 problems with answers and detailed solutions. Also included are three full-length practice SHSAT tests, four half-length tests, a set of Math Diagnosers that will help identify and correct student weaknesses, and a series of Skillbuilders that specifically focus on each of the SHSAT's sections. Solutions are given for all problems. Students will also profit from the book's practice exercises for the test's Logical Reasoning section, as well as the authors' recommended study tips and test-taking advice.

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problems. A set of Math Diagnosers will help you identify and correct your math weaknesses. Practice exercises will help you excel on the SHSAT's Logical Reasoning section --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My daughter applying for the SHSAT used this book to prep herself for the test and she was able to pass and get into her first school of choice, Stuyvesant High School. We did use this book along with some prep help from school. She worked her way through the practice problems in the book and spent much time on the sections she was least comfortable with. Then she did the practice tests in the back of the book, which were really close in difficulty to the actual SHSAT test. I would recommend this book as a good approach as well as some prep help, to get into the specialized high school of choice.

Got this along with the Kaplan prep book for my daughter. She worked through Kaplan with ease and was able to see her mistakes when she reviewed the answer key with Kaplan. Not so with Barron's. She found many of these math problems quite tricky and even the tutor I hired to help her with those problems found some of them quite tricky as well (tutor is former math teacher with Master's in Math). I think going over the trickier problems helped my daughter become better at solving easier problems and also better at attacking more difficult ones. I would say go through Kaplan (great test prep tips and sample tests), go through Barron's and then do the actual sample test that is online. Give your child enough time to really go through the books (wish I had started my kid earlier than the summer before the test) with sufficient time to review incorrect answers and he/she should be ok. Ps. My daughter got into Tech

I think absolutely everyone buys this as a starter book for the SHSAT. Excellent foundation. Just add it to your shopping cart. You won't regret it!

I used this book for TJ admissions review with my child. This is definitely not a starter book. It was great for review however, especially the verbal section since that seems to be inadequately covered in most other books. We also used PSAT books for practice, but the verbal required for Science and Tech focused high school admissions test is just not all there within the PSAT curriculum (Scrambled paragraphs anyone?). It has good explanations not only within the sections, but also for each of the test questions in the answer guide. My recommendation will be to copy the answer sheet (the one your child fills out) instead of using the one in the book. This allows for re-use of the

tests, and for practice on the same material weeks/months later if needed (or with another child).

More difficult than the real test, which is a good thing if your student is high functioning enough to handle it. For other kids, it might stress them out and give them an unrealistic sense of what the real test will be like.

Bought this for my 7th grader to use for SHSAT practice and although the problems were somewhat similar she said she didn't find that the content was remotely near what the actual exam was like.

It gives you really hard questions that aren't on the test and puts you in a different mindset resulting in a much lower score than the dumber kids.

She was able to study with this book, solve questions and analyze the answers. She got into the school of her choice. Highly recommend.

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