

## WHAT YOUR CHILD CAN EXPECT FOR THEIR ENTRANCE EXAM

All applicants for grades 2–10 are required to take the BASIS Independent Schools Admissions Test. This test provides our faculty and admissions staff insight and benchmark data into how your student's academic background will map onto our curriculum. We review all candidates' files holistically, including the admissions test.

Our exam is self-paced with a maximum time allotment of two hours. We generally find that middle and high school students utilize close to the full two hours, while primary students typically take closer to one hour. The goal of the test is to assess grade-appropriate math, writing, and English/language arts knowledge. Practice or sample tests will not be provided.

Applicants to grade 2 will take their test in a supported, one-on-one setting with a member of our faculty on Zoom.

Applicants to grades 3–10 will take their test in a small group setting on Zoom. There will be a proctor present to provide instructions and to answer procedure-based (not content-based) questions. Students who finish the exam early may leave the Zoom room early, but they will not be able to make changes or corrections to their test if they leave the session.

### FORMAT:

- **Writing:** Students will be presented with an essay prompt. We recommend that students entering grades 3 and 4 write 1–2 paragraphs. Students entering grades 5 and above should write a full essay, with an introduction and conclusion. Students will have the option of typing their writing response, or writing by hand. If students elect to write by hand, a photograph or scan of their writing must be emailed to [manhattan-admissions@basisindependent.com](mailto:manhattan-admissions@basisindependent.com) within 15 minutes of the end of the exam for it to count towards their test. Students or their parents are welcome to send the image.
- **Math:** Students will be presented with 20–25 open-ended math questions. BASIS Independent Schools utilize Saxon math and our test is modeled from this program.
- **English/Language Arts:** Students will be presented with grade-appropriate reading comprehension and grammar multiple choice questions. Students will read short passages and then answer questions to test their comprehension, as well as their knowledge of words-in-context, literary devices, etc. Students will also be presented with grammar questions that will ask them to correct sentences or identify parts of speech.

### REQUIRED SUPPLIES:

- Laptop or computer with Internet access
- Zoom and a web browser (Safari cannot be used)
- Pencil or pen
- Lined paper
- Unlined scratch/blank paper

### CALCULATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED

Students in grades 2 and 3 must additionally have nearby:

- A ruler
- Change (5 quarters, 5 dimes, 5 nickles, and 5 pennies)

**TEST PLATFORM**

- BASIS Independent Manhattan will use a platform called ClassMarker to house and administer our virtual tests.
- Students will take the virtual test in a live proctoring setting via Zoom.

**TESTING PROCEDURE**

- Families will receive an email from Classmarker to the emails listed on the application prior to the scheduled exam time, with a username and password. Families may log in to make sure that this information works, but students and families should not attempt to access the test, even if it says it is available to take.
- Families will additionally receive an email prior to their exam date and time with the Zoom link from:  
Sandy Choe (Grades 2–5) [sandy.choe@basisindependent.com](mailto:sandy.choe@basisindependent.com)  
or Megan Neely (Grades 6–10) [megan.neely@basisindependent.com](mailto:megan.neely@basisindependent.com)
- Students must log into the Zoom link 5-10 minutes prior to their scheduled test time, with their supplies and their Classmarker login ready.
- Once the proctor welcomes students to the virtual assessment, students will be instructed to open a browser, navigate to Classmarker, and log in.
- Once students have started the test, proctors can answer typed questions into the chat box.

**FINAL NOTES**

- Students must have their cameras and microphones on throughout the whole proctoring session.
- No one except the student should be in the room while the student is taking the test, unless they need technological support.
- Should the proctor suspect an incident of cheating, the Admissions Team will be in touch with the family.
- Students may only take their assigned test once. Should a student or family member attempt to access the test prior to their assigned test date and time, students will not have another opportunity to take the test.

As BASIS Independent Schools offers an accelerated Independent, *it is completely normal for your child to encounter some challenging or unknown concepts on our test!* Please remind your child to simply give their best effort and relax.

If your child is sick and cannot attend their scheduled test, please call us at the appropriate number below and also log in to your application portal to reschedule.

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