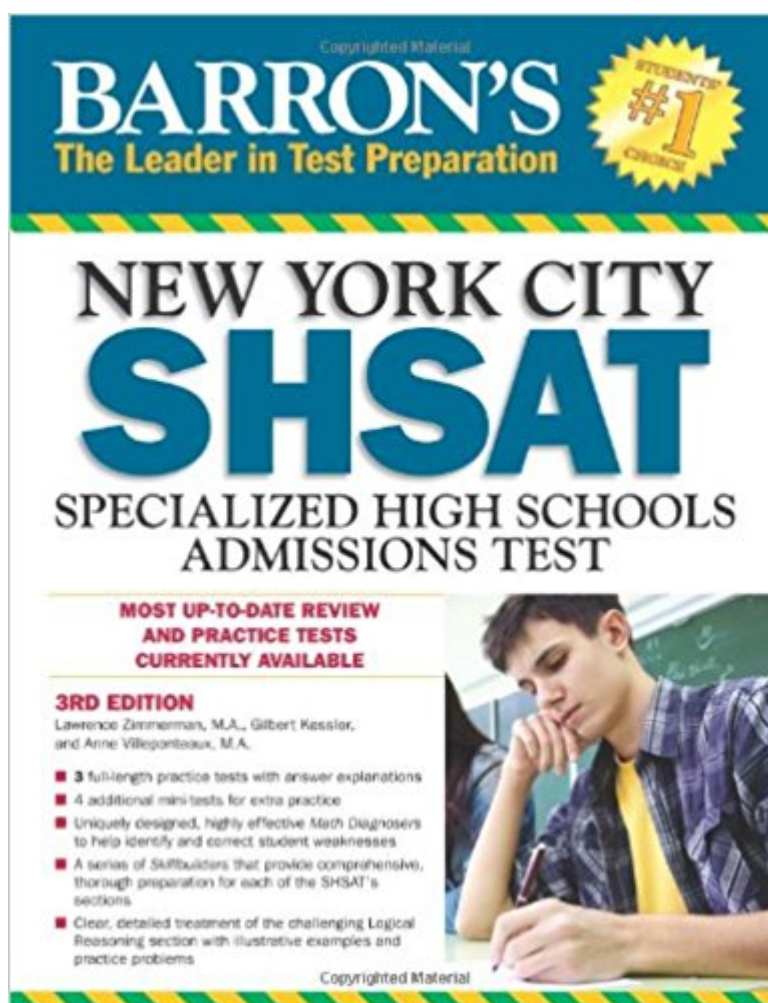


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# Barron's New York City SHSAT, 3rd Edition: Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (Barron's Shsat)



## Synopsis

This new edition of the SHSAT manual prepares eighth and ninth grade academic achievers for the competitive test that qualifies them to enter New York City's Specialized High Schools. These schools include the Bronx High School of Science, Brooklyn Technical High School, and Stuyvesant High School, among others. The manual presents More than 600 problems with answers and detailed solutions Three full-length practice tests, and four half-length tests with answers and complete solutions to all problems A revised and expanded ninth grade math supplementary section Math Diagnoser to help identify and correct student weaknesses Test-taking techniques and study strategies to help students build confidence Highlighted Tips; and Facts boxes placed throughout the book Skillbuilders that provide comprehensive preparation for each test section The authors also provide a clear, detailed treatment of the test's challenging Logical Reasoning section, which includes examples and practical problems.

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## Customer Reviews

Answer to what you want to know: yes, it worked for us! My (highly motivated) daughter used this book to help her prep for the SHSAT test and passed the test with flying colors, getting into her first choice of schools in NYC. We did complement this book with some basic test-prep at school, but even they were just using pages from this book. How did she prepare? She worked through the

practice problems in the front of this book, and learned how to tackle each type of test question. She spent extra time on the ones she felt least comfortable at. Then she did a few of the practice tests in the back of the book, which were VERY similar to the actual SHSAT test she took a few months later. The SHSAT test is a weird test. It CAN be learned. Even the smartest kid, faced with this test without preparation, will not do THAT well on it. The question types are strange and can be learned and practice will make a smart kid better at them. I would not say that a below average student could use this book and suddenly pass the test, but a smart kid could use this book to get that all-important high test score to get into a specialized school. Consider it like putting good fuel into a sports car- it will enhance the performance. We also used the Kaplan's test prep book which was equally good. So maybe a good approach for a self-motivated young student is to use this Kaplan book, the Barron's book, and perhaps some light test prep course in addition. But honestly, if the student used just the two books and went through them completely, the test prep would be unnecessary.

Bought this prep book for my daughter's preparation for Thomas Jefferson HS for Science and Tech in Northern VA. There is no prep book for the TJ exam so I thought the one the NYC schools would be a great alternate choice. To my surprise when I received the book, one of the authors, Mr. Zimmerman, was my MSI math teacher at Brooklyn Tech in the early '80s. Hence my review might be biased. Good selection of questions and clear explanation of answers (both correct and incorrect choices). I only wish the book could be thicker with more sample tests. Overall, an excellent choice for the price.

The best review for this test are the official practice tests released by the DOC, bar none. But as far as independently-made prep books go, Barron's is definitely heads above the rest. The mini-tests are great build-ups to the full length practice tests, which are far better than any competing company's (you know which ones). There are a few typos/errors, but as someone who has edited workbooks before, I know that sometimes a mistake just slips through. Even the DOC practice tests have typos!

good book, with explanation for answers

This SHSAT book was very excellent for the price. I was going to pick the Kaplan book, but a friend suggested this book. And wow, I was amazed. My son, who was going to take the SHSAT, told me

how he felt confident knowing that the book had taught him the format of the test, and also explained how the test had tricks up its sleeve! Compared to the Kaplan book, I would definitely suggest this book if you have a child taking this test!

i believe this book has helped me so much, i don't regret buying it. when the test day came i was able to understand the question better. thank you Barron's i hope i will pass the test and get in to Brooklyn tech, i really want to...

I bought this for my friend(I already have one myself) she's very satisfied with the book. Me and my friend be taking the SHSAT next month, hopefully we'll get into a specialized high school ^\_^

Not too many practice problems with explanations

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