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August 27, 2018

TO:

Principals, Test Coordinators, Guidance Counselors, and Directors

FROM:

Carolyn Ellefson, TACHS Senior Project Manager, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

RE:

Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS)

Registration Materials

The Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS) will be administered to grade 8 students in the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn in November of 2018. This package provides important information about registration for TACHS. Materials enclosed will depend on your type of location (e.g., catholic elementary school, parish, public school, etc.).

**Remember...** The brochure is very informative. It contains information on obtaining a student handbook and should be distributed to those students or parents who are in the first stages of looking for information about *TACHS* or who are undecided about registering for the exam. The Student Handbooks should be distributed only to those students who are committed to taking the exam.

The TACHS posters are packaged in a zip-lock bag. Each bag contains three 11 x 17 posters for display and one 8 ½ x 11 version that you may photocopy and display or distribute as needed. Note that the poster is double sided – an English version and a Spanish version.

Remind students *not* attending a Catholic elementary school within the Archdiocese of New York or the Diocese of Brooklyn to register for the exam early to ensure their first test site choice.

If you need additional registration materials or have questions regarding *TACHS*, please call 1-866-61TACHS (1-866-618-2247) or 1-630-467-6001.

Thank you for your assistance.

Visit www.tachsinfo.com for more information.



# Calling All 8th Graders!



2018-2019



**Archdiocese of New York** 

Test Date: Friday, November 2, 2018



Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens

Test Date: Saturday, November 3, 2018



	Two Ways to Register	Payment Method	Last Day to Register
900	Internet www.tachsinfo.com	Credit Card/*Debit Card/ Pre-paid Card	October 15, 2018
	Telephone 1-866-618-2247	Credit Card/*Debit Card/ Pre-paid Card	October 15, 2018

<sup>\*</sup>Debit Cards will be processed as credit transactions, and processing will be at the discretion of each individual's bank.

- ► Registration begins on August 20, 2018.
- ► Registration fee is \$63/student.
- Register by one method only. Duplicate registrations may result in a processing fee.
- Students requesting an extended time accommodation must complete and submit the Eligibility Form found at www.tachsinfo.com or in the Student Handbook.

# AUGUST 28, 2018 Student Handbook will be available at:

- www.tachsinfo.com
- · Your local Catholic elementary or high school



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# iLlamado a los estudiantes de 8° grado!

# TACHS Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools

Examen de Ingreso a las Escuelas Secundarias Católicas

2018-2019



Arquidiócesis de Nueva York

Fecha de examen: Viernes, 2 de noviembre, 2018



Diócesis de Brooklyn/Queens

Fecha de examen: Sábado, 3 de noviembre, 2018



2 Formas de Inscribirte	Método de Pago	Ultimo día de inscripción
Internet www.tachsinfo.com	Tarjetas de crédito/débito*/ prepagadas	15 de octubre, 2018
Teléfono 1-866-618-2247	Tarjetas de crédito/débito*/ prepagadas	15 de octubre, 2018

<sup>\*</sup>Las tarjetas de débito serán procesadas como tarjetas de crédito, y su procesamiento estará a discreción del banco donde cada persona tenga su cuenta.

- La inscripción comienza el 20 de agosto del 2018.
- La cuota de inscripción es de \$63 por estudiante.
- Escoge sólo una forma de inscripción. La inscripción duplicada puede requerir un pago adicional por procesamiento.
- Los estudiantes que requieren tiempo adicional deben llenar y enviar el formulario de elegibilidad disponible en www.tachsinfo.com o en el Manual de Estudiantes.

# El Manual de Estudiantes estará disponible el 28 de agosto, <u>2018</u> en:

- www.tachsinfo.com
- Las escuelas católicas, primarias o secundarias, de su ciudad



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### **Student Handbook**

All students registering for the TACHS should obtain a Student Handbook. The handbook contains vital information and practice test items.

# How do I get a Student Handbook?

- Visit www.tachsinfo.com to obtain a printable version
- Visit your local Catholic elementary or high school, parish, or religious education office
- Call 1-866-618-2247 to request a copy

### What will I find in the handbook?

- A complete list of important dates for each diocese
- Checklist
- · Complete Registration Instructions
- Test Admission Guidelines
- Applicant Record (for students not enrolled in a Catholic elementary school)
- List of High School Information Fairs & Open House Dates
- Participating High Schools
- List of Elementary School Codes
- Test-Taking Tips
- Practice Test Items

Students not enrolled in a Catholic elementary school should register early to request their preferred test site.

Don't forget...Students must have their Admit Card with them on the day of testing.

Aug. 20

Register for the TACHS

Nov. 2

Take the TACHS exam in the Archdiocese of New York

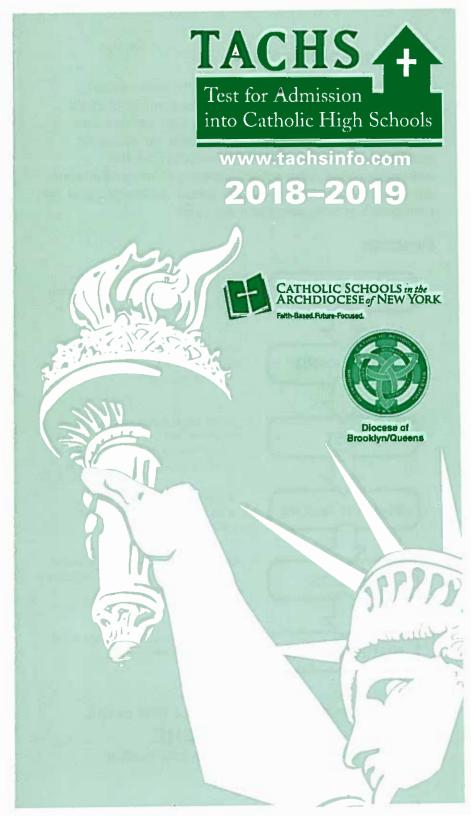
Nov. 3

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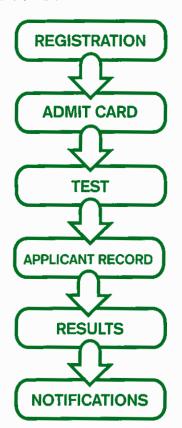




## **Message to Parents**

Are you considering sending your eighth-grade son or daughter to a Catholic high school in September of 2019? In order to be admitted into a Catholic high school in our dioceses, eighth-grade students must take an admission examination in the fall of 2018. The results from that examination, along with school records and other information, are sent to your child's three high school choices to assist the principals in making admission decisions.

### **Process**



Choose only ONE of the two methods to register your student for the TACHS exam.

Opens on 8/20/18

Student receives Admit Card confirming test site.

Week of 10/22/18

Student arrives at designated test site with Admit Card.

- Archdiocese of New York 11/2/18
- Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens 11/3/18
- Completed by student's school
- Send to three high school choices by 12/14/18

Test results are shipped to the high schools in December and to the Catholic elementary schools or to homes in January.

Release of admission notices by high schools 1/16/19 (earliest date).

Visit www.tachsinfo.com or call
1-866-61TACHS
to register or get more information.

# Registration

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- Duplicate registrations may result in a processing fee.
- Students needing an extended time accommodation must complete and submit the Eligibility Form found at www.tachsinfo.com or in the Student Handbook by October 5, 2018.

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Preferred

Method

### **Test Content**

Students will answer questions in reading, written expression, and mathematics. In addition, they will answer questions that assess their general reasoning skills. Students who do well in school can expect to do well on the TACHS.

The scores will be based first on a national research study that compares the students' scores with the scores of other eighth graders measured at the same time of year your child will be tested. Second, your child's scores will be compared with the scores of all the students tested on the TACHS this fall.

READING	WRITTEN EXPRESSION	MATHEMATICS	ABILITY	
Comprehension	Usage & Expression	Number Sense & Operations Algebraic Patterns & Connections Probability/Statistics/ Data Analysis	General Abstract Reasoning	0
		Geometry		
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Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, along with the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn/Queens, does not encourage or endorse programs that coach students for the TACHS.

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