

The nine specialized high schools of New York City are selective public high schools, established and run by the New York City Department of Education to serve the needs of academically and



artistically gifted students. The Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) examination is required for admission to all eight of the specialized high schools, except Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts (LaGuardia High School), where acceptance is by audition and a review of academic records. Students must be residents of New York City in the 8th or 9th grade to apply to the Specialized High Schools.

The **verbal** section measures your ability to read and comprehend English prose. Subjects include short biographies, discussions of historical events, descriptions of scientific phenomena, brief essays on art or music, discussions with a point of view and human interest stories.

The **mathematics** section of the exam includes problem solving questions on arithmetic, algebra, probability, statistics and geometry. For those that are in the 8th grade taking the

SHSAT exam for entrance in the 9th grade, trigonometry will also be covered on the exam.