

The Character Skills Snapshot:

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Schools want to get to know you, and the character traits you exhibit are just as important as your math and verbal skills. Now, there is a way for you to show them those traits - The Character Skills Snapshot!

What is The Character Skills Snapshot?

The Character Skills Snapshot is a new online assessment, taken at home in approximately 20 minutes, that provides schools with a more holistic view of your child. It measures your child's character skill development and is meant to complement more traditional cognitive assessments, such as the SSAT. The Character Skills Snapshot gives admission teams richer holistic information and illuminates areas where their school can help your child grow, thrive, and shine. The Snapshot is meant to provide a snapshot in time of your child's view of his/her character skills - it is not a fixed, absolute measure.

A school may ask you to take The Character Skills Snapshot to add to your application portfolio. The Snapshot -

- Provides a snapshot in time of your character traits
- Gives admission directors a more complete picture of who you are
- Is an online assessment that takes about 30 minutes to complete
- Is free with your SSAT registration*
- Is NOT a high-stakes test - there are no wrong answers!
- Results can be sent to member schools just like your SSAT scores

**Non-SSAT test takers pay a nominal fee of \$25 for The Snapshot*

What are the 8 Skills it Measures?

1. Resilience

- Rebounds positively from setbacks
- Recognizes that learning occurs during failures
- Realizes that they have control over the way they approach setbacks

2. Open-Mindedness

- Contemplates more than one viewpoint
- Open to new experiences and trying new things
- Receptive to new ideas

3. Responsibility

- Does not make excuses for their actions
- Takes ownership of their duties
- Follows through on their commitments

4. Teamwork

- Capable of working with others to effectively solve problems
- Willing and able to contribute ideas to help the team come to a solution
- Considers the thoughts and feelings of other team members

5. Social Awareness

- Recognizes the appropriate ways to interact with others
- Adapts behavior based on the context
- Effectively resolves conflicts with others

6. Self-Control

- Remains in control of their emotions even when stressed
- Controls impulses
- Considers outcomes before taking action

7. Intellectual Curiosity

- Seeks to understand why and how things work
- Enjoys intellectually challenging activities
- Explores conflicting ideas to increase their own knowledge

8. Initiative

- Starts tasks without needing a push from others
- Recognizes when to act before it is required
- Takes charge of situations before others

Which schools are using The Snapshot?

Click here for a list of schools that are utilizing The Snapshot in their admission process (as of 1.20.18). Some schools require it, while others suggest or recommend it.

How do I send Snapshot reports to schools?

Once your report has been posted, you can send reports to any schools that have opted in to receive Snapshot results this year (you cannot choose report recipients prior to report release). To send a result to a placement director at your school, designate them as a report recipient once you receive your results.

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