



COLUMBIA SECONDARY SCHOOL for Math, Science & Engineering
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Office of Admissions & Parent-Community Relations

Sixth Grade Admissions Test – 2010

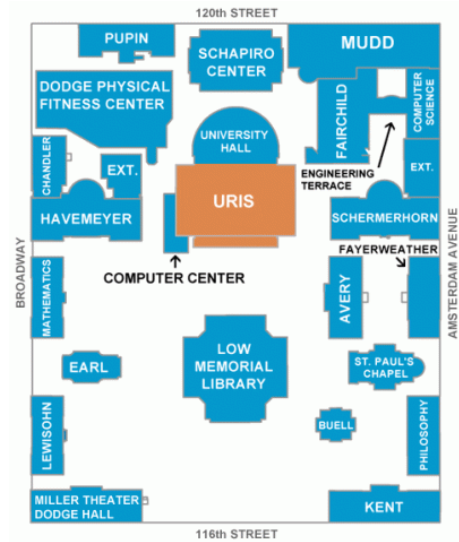
Date : SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2010
Time : 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location : Columbia University – URIS Hall, Room 301

(1160 Broadway Avenue at 117th Street)

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www.columbiasecondary.org/testlocation

There will be student ushers and signs at the entrance on the day of the exam.



Description of the test:

The Columbia Secondary School Admissions involves 4 essay questions and a short math problem set. The essay part requires that students present their claims and arguments and defend them - provide examples, illustrations, evidence that supports their views. It is not a test of content knowledge but of critical thinking and argument skills. Grammar is not considered - it's a test of ideas and how well you can present and defend them. The math part tests for specific mathematical skills. In general students cannot study for this test.

- Please make sure to arrive before the announced time; we will begin the test promptly at 9:00 am. There are no time constraints on the exam, but we anticipate it should take 2 hours minimum.

What should they bring?

- 3 sharpened pencils
- A plastic bottle of water
- **The individualized Admission Ticket enclosed to letter sent home. (MUST BRING THIS)**
- **Cell phones must be labeled** with the name and number of the student and will remain turned off in a supervised box for the time the student is taking the test.
- **Electronic devices of any kind (iPods, calculators, etc.) should NOT be brought to the test.**

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