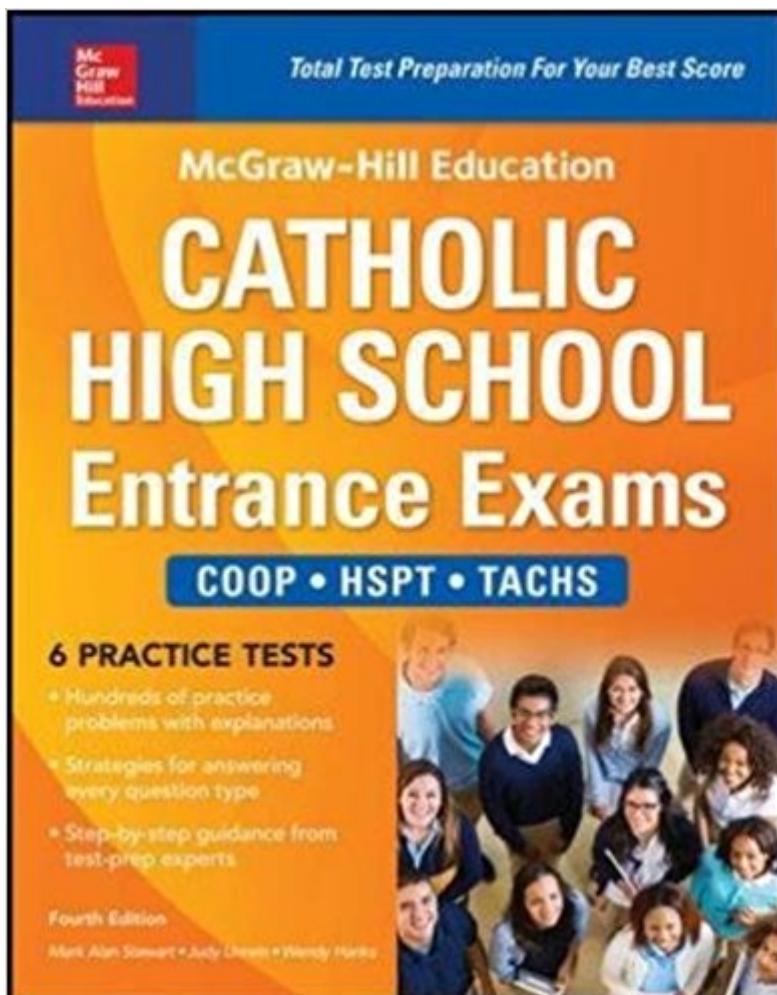


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# McGraw-Hill Education Catholic High School Entrance Exams, Fourth Edition



## Synopsis

Everything You Need to Get the Score You Want on the COOP, HSPT, or TACHSWe've put all of our proven expertise into Catholic High School Entrance Exams to make sure you're fully prepared for any of these difficult exams. With this book, you'll learn essential skill-building techniques and strategies created by leading test-prep experts. You'll also get six full-length practice tests, hundreds of sample questions, and all the facts about the current exam. This book will guide you through your preparation program and give you the tools you need to succeed. Inside you'll find:  
• Complete coverage of all three exams:  
The Cooperative Admissions Examination (COOP)  
The High School Placement Test (HSPT)  
The Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS)  
• Six full-length sample tests  
• Two practice COOPs, two practice HSPTs, and two practice TACHS with full explanations of all answers  
• A step-by-step review of all topics covered on the three exams, including reading comprehension, vocabulary, sentence and paragraph composition, mathematics, and quantitative reasoning  
• Expert strategies to help you raise your score on questions involving analogies, verbal logic, writing mechanics, and mathematical sequences

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## Customer Reviews

Mark Alan Stewart has written more than 20 test-prep guides and has served as a testing consultant to schools in the University of California and California State University

systems. Judy Unrein has been a teacher, tutor, and instructor trainer in the test prep world for 9 years. Wendy Hanks has written and contributed to numerous books on test preparation.

This is a thorough guide that gives comprehensive advice and testing experience for three tests, the COOP, HSPT and TACHS. I like the way it sets up a schedule starting a month before taking the test and also provides a strategy as two of these can only be taken once. The HSPT can be taken twice so 8th graders should try in the fall and have the back up of the spring test available. I like that the practice tests and answer worksheets are on paper and easy to copy. I copied the answer sheets just to go through the motions of answering the questions. It was hard for me not to write all over the tests because that is what I have always taught students to do. The TACHS does not allow you to write in the test booklet. But otherwise, circle, underline, scribble. It all helps you work out things in your head. For practical purposes, you can't do that if someone else is going to use the practice book behind you. Like we had 2 ACT takers in a row in our house and it was useful to have them do online testing practice because they didn't mess with each other. I don't generally do the online testing when I am preparing to take a test, just because the experience is not the same and I like to practice on paper for paper tests. But I do know people like to have that option available. In this book, the paper test does emulate the experience and they even suggest taking the practice test as close to test situation as you can. It just makes it more effective.

This is such a nice addition to my arsenal of material that I have to help my school students prepare for a myriad of tests. This particular book contains really great practice questions and explanations that I can use with many students. The book also contains strategies for answering different types of questions. I find myself turning to this book when I have advanced middle school students who are ready to move on to more difficult items. It is a great source that allows me to keep my instruction organized. It also allows me to become aware of what they already know. Part I: Getting Started Contains an overview of the tests and test formats. Part 2: Diagnostic Tests contains the three different diagnostic tests (Coop, HSPT, and TACHS). Part 3: Verbal Skills contains chapters 5-11 that go into grammar, writing, and vocabulary. Part 4: Math and Quantitative Skills contains chapters 12 -15 which contains varied math skills. Part 5: Practice Tests contains 2 practice tests for each of the three tests mentioned in Part 2.

"McGraw-Hill Education Catholic High Entrance Exams" focus on prep for the three entrance exams given to eighth graders for potential entrance to parochial schools. I like that the authors keep the

explanations for each test to 3 brief opening chapters. That way, the potential tester can focus on the test that he/she needs to prep for. I like the organization of the prep guide in handling what is common between the tests and what is unique. Then they have the practice exams for the specific exams. It is a clear and straightforward prep guide but make sure to take time to read the overview at the very beginning to plan the study but also how to look for any updated information.

I think this is a comprehensive guide to get ready for high school entrance exams. Honestly, I got it for the math review and not for Catholic High School. I am using this as another resources to get ready for the PSAT next year and in that respect, the language arts sections will be helpful too. The book has diagnostic tests for the COOP, HSPT, and TACHS exams. This is followed by sections to study on verbal and math skills. The last part has six practice tests, two for each exam. along with answers and explanations. Overall, it seems to cover all the important material and will help one assess preparedness for the exams and review any material necessary.

WOW- I wish I would have had this book before I had to taken the CHS entrance exam! I would definately been less afraid and scored higher! This is an EXCELLENT prep book- there is nothing that I didn't see covered, that my school still has on their tests! Plus if you homeschoold and are looking at your child attending a CHS, this is great prep book, to make sure that they are covering all area of knowledge they will need! I do wish there was an index, so you could find what you need to work on easier, but otherwise, I would highly recommend this book!

This book includes three catholic high school entrance exams for review. We were particularly interested in the Coop. This has been an ideal extra study guide as someone with a learning disability has been using. We have not compared it to the actual test, but the material is great and comes with practice tests as well.

This is a great book. At first I thought I was really smart because I thought it was a book to get into college and not high school and thought the questions too easy. After I figured out it was to get into high school, I viewed it a whole lot differently. They must cover a lot more stuff than the regular schools do because this is pretty advanced questions. I don't see how a kid could possibly pass the test without studying this beforehand and if they haven't already been going to a Catholic school, I'm not sure they could even pass, because I'm pretty sure the regular schools are not this advanced. I know they weren't when I went and I still don't think they are today. It has 6 practice test and covers

problems with simple explanations and there are nearly 600 pages to cover.

This book was reviewed by a Catholic middle school teacher who regularly helps students prepare for entrance to Catholic high school: Included are many good practice exams, though they are of a variety of formats: Note that most readers will only need to deal with a single exam format (whichever one their target Catholic high school requires). Chapters are broken down into "what to expect" sections for the various exams. Much of the information provided, both on exam structure and on the academic subjects would have been just as easy to find on-line. Unfortunately, there is no index by subject.

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