

The  
**Character  
Skills**

Snapshot

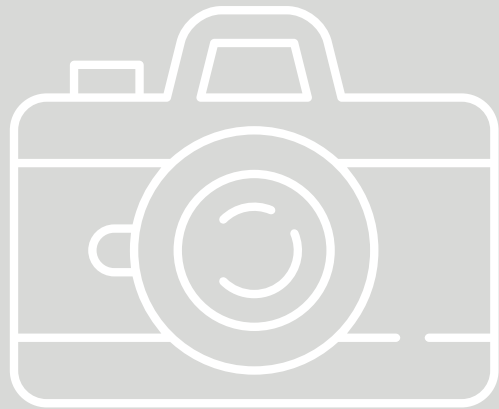
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## What is The Character Skills Snapshot?

The Character Skills Snapshot is a new online assessment tool 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.



## Because Character Matters.

Schools care about students and how they grow—not just in cognitive skills such as writing and math, but also growing into good citizens with integrity, resilience, and social awareness—those skills that carry them forward into a successful adult life.

Character and personal growth are an integral part of an independent school education. While a child's personality and character have always been important to the independent school admission process, there has not yet been a tool that could measure the character skills a student is developing.

The Snapshot is meant to provide a snapshot in time of your student's character skills—it is not a fixed, absolute measure. It provides a way for schools to get to know your child better and an opportunity for them to explore the ways in which their communities can enrich and develop your child's intellectual curiosity, teamwork, initiative, responsibility, resilience, self-control, open-mindedness, and social awareness.

**[ssat.org/snapshot](https://ssat.org/snapshot)**





## Who is The Snapshot designed for?

The Snapshot is designed for students applying for admission to independent schools for grades 6 through 12.



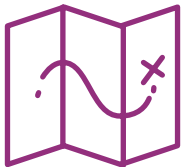
## What skills does The Snapshot measure?

The Snapshot was designed by test experts and independent school admission professionals to measure eight skills they deemed important when considering applications: intellectual curiosity, teamwork, initiative, responsibility, resilience, self-control, open-mindedness, and social awareness.



## How long is The Snapshot?

The Snapshot takes approximately 20 to 30 minutes to complete online. It must be completed in one sitting.



## How much does it cost?

For testers registered to take the SSAT, The Snapshot is free of charge. For those not registered to take the SSAT, the cost to take The Snapshot is \$25. Fee waivers are available from participating schools for students who are not registered to take the SSAT and require financial assistance to take The Snapshot.

## Where do I take The Snapshot?

You may take The Snapshot at home, or any location with an internet connection. It is not available on mobile devices.

## How many times can I take The Snapshot?

For the launch year, students may take The Character Skills Snapshot one time between September 25, 2017 and July 31, 2018.

The Character Skills Snapshot is intended to capture a snapshot of the student at the moment when they apply, so students can take The Snapshot one time each admission cycle, as the results are valid for one testing year (August 1–July 31).

## What if I disagree with The Snapshot's appraisal of my child's skills?

As The Snapshot is designed solely to measure skills at a very specific moment in time, realize that it is not meant to be a determinant of your child's ability to develop a certain skill or skills. Each skill measured will fall in its own space on the development spectrum, and will change over time. Your child's Snapshot results will provide admission teams with a better idea of the areas in which their community has opportunities to help your child grow and develop.





## **How do I register for and take The Snapshot?**

If you plan to take the SSAT, register for that before signing up to take The Snapshot. Create an account on SSAT.org. From your parent login, click on “My Tests” and “The Character Skills Snapshot” and follow the onscreen instructions to unlock The Snapshot for your child. If you will not be taking the SSAT, let the admission office know and they will provide you with a link to take The Snapshot.

## **Are the Character Skills Snapshot reports sent directly to schools?**

Parents alone may choose to send their student’s Snapshot report to a school. Reports are sent in the same method as SSAT scores, using the online SSAT account. Schools will receive results in real time following selection as a recipient by the parent.

## **When are results reports issued?**

In this initial offering year, test results will be gathered and analyzed from students taking The Snapshot between September and December 10, 2017. Students taking The Snapshot during this timeframe will receive their reports on December 15. Thereafter, reports are delivered within 2 weeks of completion of The Snapshot.

## How will I know what my results mean?

The Snapshot's reports are quite user friendly and include information about how to read the results report. You may sign up for one of the free webinars we provide, or contact us at [info@ssat.org](mailto:info@ssat.org) for additional information.

## How are results of The Character Skills Snapshot used in admission?

Admission teams will use the information provided from The Character Skills Snapshot to complement other information required as a part of the application process, including SSAT test scores, interviews, grades, letters of recommendation, and other information. It is simply one piece of the student's larger overall application.

## Can The Snapshot reports change over time?

Yes, a student's Character Skills Snapshot report will change over time. However, The Character Skills Snapshot is meant to be taken only once per testing year, prior to admission to a school.



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## 2017-2018 Family Webinar Schedule

All About The Character Skills Snapshot
Wednesday, August 16, 2017
Thursday, September 28, 2017
Monday, November 6, 2017

*All webinars are scheduled for 9:00 PM EST/6:00 PM PST.*

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