



*The Bay Academy for the Arts & Sciences
Intermediate School 98
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Talent Test Details

ATHLETICS

Applicants will be tested on their ability to perform a variety of physical education activities (including soccer dribble, basketball dribble, running, throwing, and catching) designed to determine coordination and balance, physical fitness, eye-hand coordination and motor skills. They are to report with sneakers and comfortable loose fitting pants (sweatpants, jeans, gym shorts) and a T-shirt.

COMPUTER /MATHEMATICS

Very competitive 50 question multiple choice exam features both a math and computer/internet component.

35 Math Questions consist of mostly multi-step mathematical problem solving, puzzle and logic questions. A very thorough knowledge of K-5 math is assumed but many of the test questions can be completed faster if the applicant has more advanced mathematics skills. 15 Computer/Internet questions allow applicants to demonstrate expertise in the use of computers and the Internet. This section covers computer jargon (vocabulary), and a familiarity with current issues related to technology. Both sections will test logical and sequential thinking skills as well as the ability to comprehend technical documentation.

CREATIVE WRITING

The exam consists of two parts. In Part One, applicants answer 40 multiple choice questions on a variety of topics including reading comprehension, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and vocabulary. In Part Two, applicants write an original composition (choice of two topics) that will be evaluated on idea development, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, and use of conventions.

DANCE

Applicants will perform a dance sequence, with or without music that has been prepared at home. It is to be 1 to 2 minutes in length (bring CD or cassette). They will also be asked to improvise to a short piece of music selected by the examiner and be taught a very brief dance sequence which they will have to repeat. Evaluation will be based upon technical execution of movements, form, coordination, grace, rhythm, style, creativity, originality, spontaneity, and freedom of expression. Applicants are to come prepared to dance in a body suit, leotards, or other comfortable clothing.

DRAMA

Applicants will prepare and perform two monologues and be asked to do a cold reading. They will be judged on diction, expression, poise, characterization, mood, sincerity, interpretation, creativity, voice quality and directions, concentration, audience appeal and timing. The monologues will be sent to each applicant in advance.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (Winds or Strings)

Applicants are not required to have previous musical training and instead will take a specially designed written test of musical potential. We recommend that students who can play an instrument be tested on that instrument, and should bring it to the testing site with a prepared piece of between one and two minutes in length. The art test consists of three parts. Part I asks the applicant to draw a still life using a pencil. Part II asks the applicant to draw a scene from imagination using pencils and crayons. Part III asks applicants to compare and contrast two works of art. All necessary supplies will be provided.

SCIENCE

Applicants will be given a multiple choice test dealing with science concepts and facts covered in grades 4 and 5 in biology, earth science, physics and chemistry. There are questions on problem solving, logical thinking, developing scientific hypotheses, and scientific experimentation.

VOCAL MUSIC

Applicants will be tested for their sense of pitch and rhythm. They will be asked to determine differences between and to repeat rhythmic and melodic patterns. Applicants will be asked to demonstrate their vocal ability with a prepared song. Applicants are not required to have previous musical training. Do not bring records, cassettes or CD's for accompaniment. Students will sing acappella.

You should not bring anything to this test except #2 pencils with working erasers.

Understandably, if the instrument is inappropriate for transport (percussion, piano), students will be supplied with that instrument at the testing site. There will be no testing using the recorder!

Note that there is no long-term instruction on either guitar or piano at these schools. Children who are accepted will have to learn one of the other many instruments currently in use at the Winds or Strings Talent program at each D21 school.