A young girl with blonde hair in a ponytail, wearing a light blue school uniform, is sitting at a wooden desk in a classroom. She is looking back over her right shoulder towards a teacher who is standing in the background. The teacher is wearing a white shirt and is out of focus. The classroom has large windows in the background, and other students are visible in the foreground, also out of focus.

The
**Character
Skills**

Snapshot

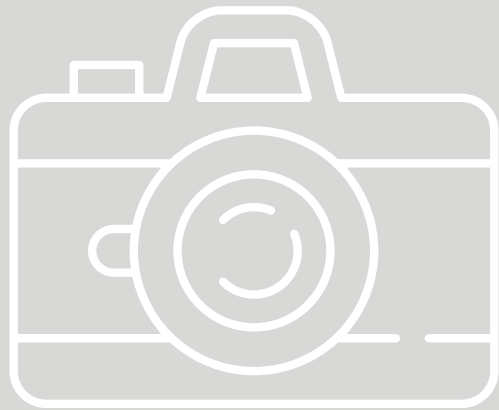
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**Because Character
Matters**

What is The Character Skills Snapshot?

The Character Skills Snapshot is an online assessment tool that provides schools with a holistic view of your child.

It measures your child's own view of his or her character skill development and is meant to complement more traditional cognitive assessments such as the SSAT. The Character Skills Snapshot gives admission teams richer information and illuminates areas where their schools 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 becoming good citizens with integrity, resilience, and social awareness—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, The Snapshot is the first character assessment tool developed expressly for use in that process.

The Snapshot is meant to provide a snapshot in time of your student's character—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 character skills.

ssat.org/snapshot





For whom is The Snapshot designed?

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 character skills deemed integral to the consideration of applications: initiative, intellectual engagement, open-mindedness, resilience, self-control, social awareness, and teamwork.



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 students 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 \$35. 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?

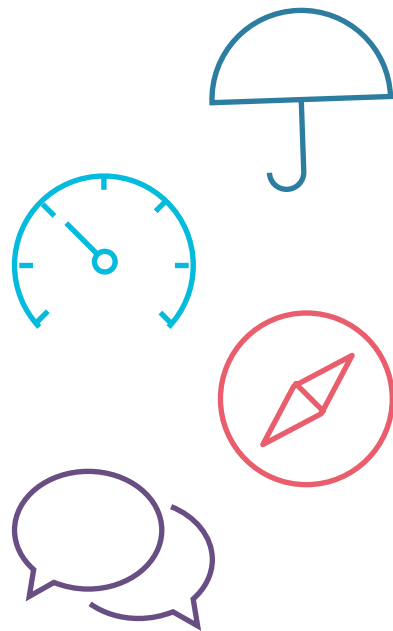
You may take The Snapshot at home, or at any location with an internet connection. It is not available on mobile devices, and is not given in schools.

How many times can I take The Snapshot?

The Character Skills Snapshot is intended to capture a snapshot of students at the moment when they apply, so students can take The Snapshot one time each admission cycle. 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?

The Snapshot is designed to reflect a student's own view of their character skill development at a particular moment in time: it is not a determinant of your child's ability to develop a certain skill or skills, nor will it necessarily correspond to your estimation of your child's skill development. 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 an admission team with a better idea of the areas in which their community has opportunities to help your child grow and develop.





How do I register my child for The Snapshot?

If your child will take the SSAT, register for that before signing up to take The Snapshot. Create a parent/guardian account on SSAT.org. From the parent/guardian login, click on “My Tests” and “The Character Skills Snapshot” and follow the onscreen instructions to unlock The Snapshot for your child. If your child will not take the SSAT, create parent/guardian and student accounts on SSAT.org and register and pay for The Snapshot separately. Find registration instructions online at ssat.org/snapshot.

Are Character Skills Snapshot reports sent directly to schools?

Parents/guardians 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 once they are chosen as results recipients by the parent/guardian.

When are results reports issued?

Reports are delivered within 2 weeks of completion of The Snapshot.

How will I know what the results mean?

The Snapshot's reports are user friendly and include detailed information about the results. You may sign up for one of the free webinars we provide, or contact us at 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 results 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.



The Character Skills Snapshot +



2018-2019 Family Webinar Schedule

All About The Character Skills Snapshot

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Reading Your Snapshot Report

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

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

All webinars are recorded and posted on ssat.org/webinars for on-demand viewing.

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