

## ISEE or SSAT?

### THE DIFFERENCES ARE:

	ISEE	SSAT
Wrong answer penalty?	No wrong answer-penalty	¼ point penalty for each wrong answer
Multiple-choice answers	4 answer choices per question	5 answer choices per question
Verbal Reasoning	Synonyms and sentence completion	Synonyms and analogies.  VR section has twice as many questions as the ISEE (60 questions!). Although the same time per question is allotted, it requires more testing endurance.
Math and Quantitative Reasoning	Covers more skills. Tends to favor a sharper math student.	Doesn't have the same breadth of questions. Tends to be easier than the ISEE.
Reading Comprehension		Contains twice as many reading comprehension questions as the ISEE. Again, same time allotment per question, but requires testing endurance.
Testing logistics	Can only take the test as part of a formal application to a school, and can only be taken once every 6 months.	Can be taken multiple times. Does not have to be part of a formal application.
Materials	ERB, the ISEE testing company, has published one practice test at each level. They can be found online, or a bound version can be ordered from ERB.	SSAT has two tests at each level available for practice. Tests are not available online; bound copies must be ordered from SSAT.
Writing sample	30 minutes for an essay	25 minutes for a choice of 2 prompts: 1 is an essay topic and 1 is a "story"

**Check school admission requirements before scheduling and taking the test.**