

Lane Tech Score...

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Moreover, Tier 4 and Tier 3 Lane Tech cut-offs went up 16 and 18 points respectively. Since according to census data, the vast majority of Tier 3 students (98%) and Tier 4 students (63%) live in middle class neighborhoods, this increase makes it more difficult for middle class students to gain access to one of the competitive Selective Enrollment High Schools. Now a straight A Tier 4 student seeking entrance to Lane Tech would need at least a 90% on both the 7th grade MAP test and the 8th grade Selective Enrollment Exam to get in.

Scores for the four "middle" schools, Brooks, Hancock, Lindblom and Westinghouse, saw the largest average score increases – about 20 points – as scores continued to recover from the hammering they took when the MAP replaced the

Increases in T3 & T4 cut-offs (2017-2018)

Tier 4			Tier 3	
CUT-OFF	CHANGE	SCHOOL	CUT-OFF	CHANGE
894	+4	PAYTON	875	+22
891	+9	NORTHSIDE	880	+16
883	+6	JONES	861	+13
874	+8	YOUNG	849	+17
843	+16	LANE	813	+18

Figure 2

ISAT as the 7th grade standardized test in the admissions formula.

Score cut-offs for Tier 4 and Tier 3 students measurably rose in the most recent admissions cycle for each of the five most competitive schools, as shown in Figure 2. While increases in Tier 4 cut-offs seem slight, it should be remembered that

these cut-offs were so high already that any additional increases would be statistically difficult – but rise they did. Notably, the Tier 4 cut-off at Payton, last year already 890 points on the 900-point admissions scale rose to 894 and the Tier 4 cut-off at Northside, already 882 points last year, rose an additional 9 points to 891.

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A NEWSLETTER FOCUSED ON THE SELECTIVE ENROLLMENT HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Lane Tech Score Surge Squeezes Middle Class Selective Enrollment Applicants

In the most recent round of Selective Enrollment High School admissions, average scores at all eleven schools rose an average of 11 points. Scores at the more competitive schools continued to edge up, particularly at Lane Tech, where average scores coincidentally rose exactly 11 points as well. This jump in admissions scores at Lane Tech is significant given its size (about 1,200 students per class) – making it by far the largest school in the Selective Enrollment family.

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Average admissions scores 2017/18 vs 2016/17

School	Change in points	2016/17	2017/18
PAYTON	+6	881	887
NORTHSIDE	+6	877	883
JONES	+1	868	869
YOUNG	+8	863	871
LANE	+11	820	831
BROOKS	+22	770	792
HANCOCK	+16	768	784
LINDBLOM	+22	749	771
WESTINGHOUSE	+23	741	764
KING	+9	666	675
SOUTH SHORE	-3	660	657

Figure 1

UPCOMING EVENTS

SelectivePrep Summer Math Enrichment Classes

Registration is **NOW** open for our 4th Grade Program (current 3rd graders), 5th Grade Program (current 4th graders), 6th & 7th Grade Program (current 5th and 6th graders), and Algebra Program (current 7th & 8th graders). Enjoy a weeklong workshop designed for creative students who are ready to tackle challenging math problems and puzzles – and have fun!

Selective Enrollment Exam Preparation (September 2017)

Attention current 7th grade parents – Registration is **NOW** open for fall classes to prepare for the Selective Enrollment Entrance Exam.

Academic Center Admissions Exam Preparation (October 2017)

Attention current 5th grade parents – Registration is **NOW** open for fall classes to prepare for the Academic Center Admissions Test.

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Q&A

Q&A with SelectivePrep Partners, Matthew Greenberg & Jonina Lerner

Why did you start SelectivePrep?

When we started SelectivePrep in 2006, the only high school test preparation was tutoring – which is expensive. We saw a need for high quality, affordable preparation for middle class parents who want their children to have the best chance to succeed in the competitive Selective Enrollment admissions process.

What's your background?

Before starting SelectivePrep, we spent over 20 years in test preparation with Kaplan – teaching, recruiting and training Instructors throughout Chicago. We feel that this extensive prior test prep experience gives us the depth to design a comprehensive and effective test preparation program.

What makes you different?

We think that we can empathize with what parents are going through. Many of our parents have a middle class background and cannot afford private school – that means that the stakes are high. We also understand the process, having navigated the gifted, Academic Center and Selective Enrollment hurdles ourselves.

What's your "test prep philosophy"?

Our goal is to make each student an expert in whatever could possibly be on the test. This improves scores, increases confidence, and reduces stress. We also purposely design our program to be a bit more difficult than the actual exam. Students who can handle the tougher content will get the higher scores.

How have things changed since the beginning?

Every year the level of interest in Selective Enrollment increases and the bar is raised in terms of what a student must achieve to succeed.

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How have you changed?

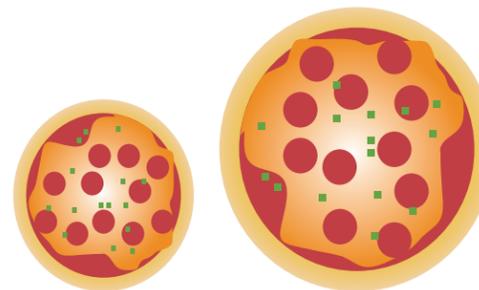
We're always looking at ways to improve what we're doing. Of course, we're constantly tweaking our material. But we're also looking to provide better information to parents on their child's performance. For example, we have ramped up the level of detail we provide on our Diagnostic/Practice test performance, sprinkled in quizzes to keep students on their toes, and upped the overall level of granularity in our Instructor updates.

What do you like most about running SelectivePrep?

We love to hear the success stories of our students. We appreciate the work ethic and dedication of the parents. We're proud of our enthusiastic and sharp team of Instructors.



Are you smarter than a 6th Grader?



8" PIZZA, \$6.00

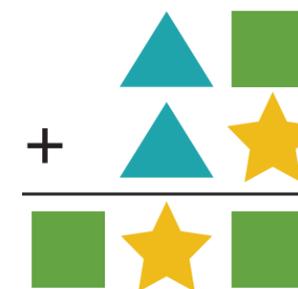
16" PIZZA, \$18.00

Q Big Tony's Pizza sells 8-inch diameter pizzas for \$6 each, and 16-inch diameter pizza for \$18 each. Which of the following is true?

- a. It's smarter to buy a small pizza.
- b. Both pizzas are equally good values.
- c. It's smarter to buy a large pizza.
- d. Two small pizzas give you as much to eat as one large pizza.

A The answer is **c**. To answer this question, one must know the area of a circle. Area of a circle = πr^2 , where r is the radius. A small pizza has a radius of 4, while the large pizza has a radius of 8. The area of the small pizza is $\pi \times (4^2)$ or 16π . The area of the large pizza is $\pi \times (8^2)$ or 64π . So, the large pizza is four times as large as the small pizza, but costs only three times as much.

Are you smarter than a 5th Grader?



Q In the addition problem above, each symbol represents a digit. What is the value of

$$\triangle + \square + \star =$$

- a. 5
- b. 6
- c. 7
- d. 8

A The answer is **b**. Looking at the original problem, if the square plus the star equals the square, then the star must be 0. Also, if a two-digit number plus a two-digit number equals a three-digit number, the hundreds digit must be 1. Finally, if two triangles added together equal 10 (since the square is 1 and the star is 0), then each triangle is 5.

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