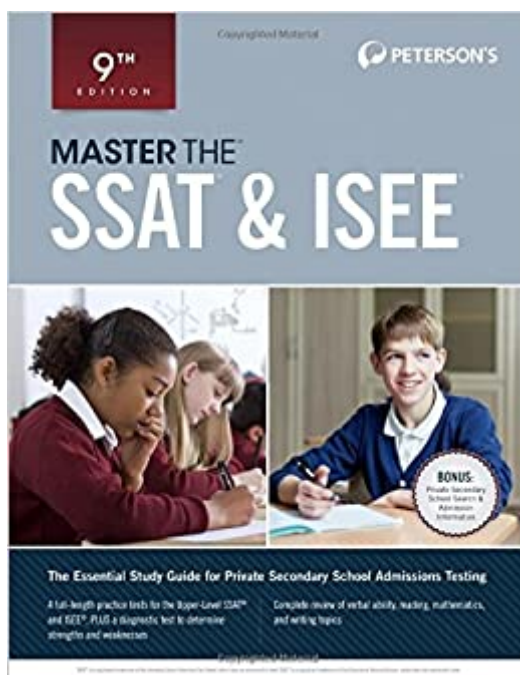


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# Master The SSAT & ISEE (Peterson's Master The SSAT & ISEE)



## Synopsis

Peterson's Master the SSAT<sup>®</sup> & ISEE<sup>®</sup> is the guide for preparing students and their parents for the SSAT<sup>®</sup> and the ISEE<sup>®</sup>. Complete with the most up-to-date information on the upper-level exams, the book is vitally important to anyone preparing for private secondary school admissions testing. Students have access to test-taking strategies for each of the question types, along with exam day specific advice. Four practice tests, plus a diagnostic test, provide students with a realistic idea of what to expect when the test date arrives. Additionally, students and parents both encounter tips on all aspects of the private secondary school search process: how to identify schools that are a good fit, how to apply for financial aid, and all of the other challenges of finding the right private secondary school for you or your child.

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I bought this book "new" and it is completely used and useless to us.

Analogy & synonym practice drills are quite easy, which is not very great for preparing the SSAT test.

This book is very informative :)

Pretty helpful for preparing for the ssat. I recommend it.

Good study guide for the ISEE.

Still the same great book but I was expecting a fully revised version! This one has minor changes from the previous ones.

As an ISEE and SSAT tutor of many years' experience, I know how hard it is to find adequate prep materials for these tests. The test makers provide only one (ISEE) or two (SSAT) official practice tests and do not publish any of their exams or allow non-students to take the tests. Both tests were revamped in the past 6 years, but test prep books by all the major publishers have not changed enough to be truly useful study tools. Peterson's is a case in point. The text is good for very basic skills in mathematics, with lots of review and drills in computations and easy word problems.

Unfortunately, mastering this material is totally insufficient for success on the Upper Level ISEE or SSAT where the Math Achievement sections are above grade level and Quantitative Reasoning is sophisticated. In Verbal, this book is simply terrible. The Sentence Completions are way off base, with weird vocabulary and odd combos, no transition words. In short, they are nothing like the real ISEE. I would recommend students who use this book do so at least a year or two before they intend to REALLY study for their exam. That way, they can master basics and get somewhat familiar with the test formats and then use a combination of other materials when they are ready to get serious and raise their level. The Reading Comprehension here is of a very low level and the questions are not challenging enough for even a lower age level exam. Real ISEE and SSAT passages and questions are obtuse and subtle but Peterson's are plodding and obvious. It's a shame that there have been virtually no changes from the 8th edition to the 9th edition of this book. (This is quite typical of all the test prep books, although The Princeton Review and Kaplan have made some small improvements in their editions for 2016.) Unfortunately, I don't have a simple recommendation for preparing for these tests beyond the official practice materials. The Princeton Review is strong in Verbal for both ISEE and SSAT, Kaplan is better than Peterson's for math review and Barron's is the best for math foundation for UL. Official Common Core review materials for NY State and others are limited, but more similar to the tricky math and ELA you see on these tests. For advanced students, I recommend using Common Core materials of the year above the student's current grade level and seeking out advanced practice in all question areas that students falter on in the official practice tests.

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