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Hi, everyone. Alexis Avila, founder of Prepped and Polished LLC, here in South Natick, Massachusetts. Now, parents come to me all the time and ask me which SSAT or ISEE level test does my student need to take? So let's get this out of the way once and for all. So let's look on the board here. If your student is currently in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, or 7<sup>th</sup> grade, he or she takes the SSAT lower level test. (Update: Please note for students currently in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade, the SSAT recently renamed the test “SSAT Middle Level” and the new “SSAT Elementary Level Test” is for students currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade.) The ISEE lower level test is for students currently in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Now, there is no SSAT middle level test, so we don't have to worry about it. (Update!! There is now indeed an SSAT Middle Level Test -formerly it was called the “SSAT Lower Level Test “- and this is for students currently in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade). But there is an ISEE middle level test, and that's for students currently in 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade. And finally, both the SSAT and ISEE upper level tests are for students currently in 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades. So this is how you'd match your student's grade with the appropriate level. I hope this helps and I'll talk to you soon.

Updated Recap: SSAT Elementary Level is for students currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade, the SSAT Middle Level Test is for students currently in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, or 7<sup>th</sup> grade, the SSAT Upper Level is for students currently in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> grade. The ISEE Lower Level test is for students currently in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The ISEE Middle Level test is for student currently in 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The ISEE Upper Level test is for students currently in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> grade.