

About the PSAT



The PSAT is great practice for the SAT - keep in mind, the PSAT is a shorter test and has no essay or Algebra II. The PSAT is 2 hours and 10 minutes and includes math, critical reading, and writing questions.

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Why take it?

It's good practice for the SAT, and it's a qualifying test for National Merit Scholarships and Letters of Commendation.

How is it scored?

One Critical Reading, one Math and one Writing Section, each worth 20 to 80 points

How long is it?

2 hours and 10 minutes

When should you take it?

October, junior year. Many students also take a practice PSAT in October of sophomore year.

2006 Dates: Wednesday, October 18; Saturday, October 21

How to register?

Sign up at your high school or at a school in your community

How do I get my score?

Typically, your guidance counselor will have your score, usually in December or January.

PSAT Section by Section:

MATH

- Multiple-choice, grid-in questions
- 50 minute section
- Some higher level math problems, no quantitative comparisons

CRITICAL READING

- Multiple-choice questions
- 50 minute section

WRITING

- Multiple-choice questions
- 30 minute section