

Why Take the PSAT?

What is the PSAT? [Video from an interview with College Board](#) regarding the ins and outs of the PSAT Exam.

New incentives for trying your best on the PSAT Exam:

Earn the College Ready Benchmark (TSI) for ACC/Dual Credit Classes for students hoping to enroll in ACC/Dual Credit while attending Vandegrift.

Additional Information on the PSAT by grade level for those of you who would like to dive a little deeper!

→ Our 10th graders take [the PSAT/NMSQT](#).

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The score on the 10th grade PSAT is used to determine participation in the PSAT Team.

It is valuable practice to prepare students for the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT their 11th grade year.

→ Our 11th grades take the PSAT for the following reasons:

- To receive feedback to make a study plan based on strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college admissions testing
- To help prepare and familiarize students with questions and formatting of the SAT

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To be considered for specialized scholarships and college information through "Student Search". Students will opt into student search.

This is the year used as a qualifier for the National Merit program for Semifinalists or Commended students and National Hispanic Recognition Programs.

What all students need to bring: Consult the [2021 PSAT Student Guide](#) for all PSAT information

- 2 to 3 #2 Pencils with good erasers
- Calculators: see approved calculators the the Student Guide.
 - [2021 PSAT Student Guide](#)
- Water and Snack for break
- Student ID/ Picture ID (10th and 11th graders)

What NOT to bring:
Highlighters

With the exception of calculators, all other electronic devices are prohibited including cell phones and watches.

While the PSAT is occurring, 9th and 12th grade students will be attending mandatory activities and meetings at VHS