

PSAT for 11th Grade Students

What is the PSAT?

The PSAT is the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. It is also the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test or NMSQT for juniors.

Why should you take the PSAT?

Juniors should consider taking the PSAT because it can help you:

- Practice for the SAT.
- Assess your skills in three academic areas: verbal reasoning, mathematical reasoning, and writing.
- Receive information from colleges and universities.
- Enter national competition for scholarships such as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test.

Note: If you took the PSAT as a sophomore, it does not count for the NMSQT. You must take it again as a junior.

- PSAT is only given once a year and is required for entrance into the NMSQT Scholarship Competition. Thousands of dollars are available through the National Merit Program, colleges, and corporations based on PSAT results.

When is the PSAT administered?

The PSAT test is administered on the morning of Tuesday, October 29th at 7:45 a.m. in the **lower gym**. Please report to the **lower gym** at 7:30am. You will be in the testing area until approximately 12:45 pm.

How much does the PSAT cost?

The PSAT costs **\$18.00**. Checks are preferred and should be made payable to Kickapoo High School. **If paid by cash exact change only.** The student name and a parent contact number should also be included on the check. If paying by cash, please bring the exact amount. Payment is due upon registration. A limited number of fee waivers are available to juniors who also qualify for free or reduced lunch on a first come, first serve basis.

Where do I sign up to take the PSAT?

Sign up will be in the commons during lunch on Thursday, September 11th and in the counseling office after. **We will not be able to register any students after September 17th.** A limited number of tests are available and sign up is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

What do I bring to the testing site?

- Fully charged Chromebook
- An approved calculator (<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt/whats-on-the-test/math/calculator-use>)

How do I prepare for the PSAT?

- Study the Official Student Guide <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt/preparing/practice-tests>
- Check the College Board website at collegeboard.org.
- There are many College Entrance Exam Prep guides on the market that would help.
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Eat a great breakfast.