

Freshman PSAT 8/9

Soph & Juniors PSAT-NMSQT

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026 at SBA 7:50 - approx 10:50 am
(extended time testing 7:50 - approx 12:00 pm)

9th, 10th & 11th grades will take the PSAT at SBA.

Seniors will be excused for a College Visit Day.

Senior ACC students are required to attend ACC classes on this day.

8th Grade Algebra will meet as usual in the PSC room 15.

- **You must be in your testing room, sitting in your seat, ready to begin testing by 7:50 am.**
- Testing Room assignments will be announced on Friday before the test.

WHAT TO BRING ON TEST DAY:

1. **Fully charged Chromebook with Bluebook installed and updated.** Your Chromebook will need to hold a charge for 3 hrs. **Charge your Chromebook Overnight the night before the test!!!** If your Chromebook is not fully charged you may need to charge it at school before the test, extending your test day.
 2. **Chromebook charging cord** - There will be a very limited number of charging stations in each testing room.
 3. **Calculator** - optional (TI-84 or 4-function calculator, there will be a desmos calculator available in the Bluebook testing app.) Any other calculator must be approved by Ms. B or your math teacher. Review the Calculator Policy if you choose to bring your own. [PSAT/NMSQT Calculator Policy - SAT Suite](#)
 4. **Pen or pencil** - scratch paper will be provided. Students cannot use scratch paper they bring themselves.
 5. **Photo ID** - school ID, DL or state ID, or passport
 6. **Healthy Snack and drink** - optional
 7. **External power bank** - optional
- If your Chromebook is not working properly you must ask Mr. Hancock for a loaner **BEFORE test day.**
 - **Testers: keep your computer open at all times! Even during breaks!**
 - Testers will receive another ticket with their Bluebook login info on test day.
 - Power off (**OFF, not on silent!**) your electronic devices and store them in your bag or leave them in your car. Bags will be stored in a spot designated by your Proctor in your testing room. **You will not be able to access your bag for any reason until after the test.**
 - **You will NOT be able to open your locker after the test** to avoid locker doors slamming and excess noise in the hallway while others are still testing.
 - If you use or even turn on your cell phone, smart watch or any other electronic device during the test or break your test will be voided immediately!
 - This is a regular Dennis Uniform dress code day.
 - Go to bed early the night before & eat a good breakfast.
 - Students will be dismissed after the test. There will be no afternoon classes.
 - No lunch will be served. (only Boarding students will get school lunch after the test.)

Charge your chromebook overnight the eve before the test!!!

What is the PSAT-NMSQT?

The **PSAT/NMSQT®** is a preliminary SAT. It is the **National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test** and a practice SAT exam.

Juniors who earn a high score on the PSAT-NMSQT could qualify to be a National Merit Scholar. Results from this test will help students identify where they can focus their studying so they will be well prepared to take the SAT in the Spring.

As a **Sophomore**, this is a practice test. Results from this test will help students identify where they can focus their studying so they will be well prepared to take the test again as a junior for National Merit Scholar consideration.

What is the PSAT 8/9?

The PSAT 8/9 is the first test in the SAT Suite of assessments. It measures the skills and knowledge that students are learning in school and that matter most for college and career readiness. **Freshman** take the PSAT 8/9 to get early feedback on their knowledge in the areas that matter most for college and career readiness. It sets a baseline for them to track their progress as they prepare for future PSAT and SAT tests.

Resources

→ The Student Guide **PSAT-NMSQT**:

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/media/pdf/psat-nmsqt-student-guide.pdf>

→ College Board PSAT-NMSQT: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt>

→ The Student Guide **PSAT 8/9**:

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/media/pdf/psat-8-9-student-guide.pdf>

→ College Board PSAT 8/9: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>

→ Review Bluebook Testing Tools for all students:

<https://bluebook.collegeboard.org/students/tools>