

# PSAT Perfection

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Everyone dislikes testing time. You will often hear students say, "It's boring and I don't want to do this." However, students do not understand that if they perform better on the PSAT, they will set up their future that colleges will look at. There are many different opinions on the PSATs, depending on how good students are at certain subjects. When asked about it, this is what four students said their favorite and least favorite parts about the PSATs were.

The first student interviewed was Will Targett. He stated "...They [PSAT tests] feel, to me, very important in learning, although they are very time-consuming and difficult. They are an essential part of all schools." He followed up with, "At the end of the day, it's only a couple hours of work and it's over until the next year."

The next student asked about their PSAT experience was Elizabeth Turon. She had around the same opinions as me. Lizzy stated, "I really don't like the PSATs and they are very boring." The last thing she said was, "Even though they are very boring, I understand that I need to try and I understand that the better I do, the better my future in college will be."

The third student that was asked was Kelsey Wersinger. Kelsey explained, "I like the PSATs. They are very boring at times, though, and I feel like they can go on forever." When asked what her favorite part of the PSAT was, she responded, "I liked that when it was over, we got to color or draw, which helped the time go by fast."

The final student was myself, Donny Johnston. I really do not mind when we do testing. It makes the day shorter and you get to be in class with people you are not always with. My favorite part about the PSATs was the English section. I feel it ended earlier than the math section. In addition, reading made the time seem to go by faster. My least favorite part about the PSATs was waiting for the time to be over and not being able to do anything but sleep or stare at

the wall. My class finished early, and just sitting there waiting for the other classes to finish was the worst part about the PSATs.

In conclusion, there are very mixed opinions on how people view the PSATs. Most of those interviewed understood the importance of getting a good grade and trying on it. They also knew that colleges would look at these grades. However, everyone thought it was boring and would rather it either not be as long or just not happen at all. There will always be very mixed opinions on the PSATs but, in the end, it will always help if you just try.