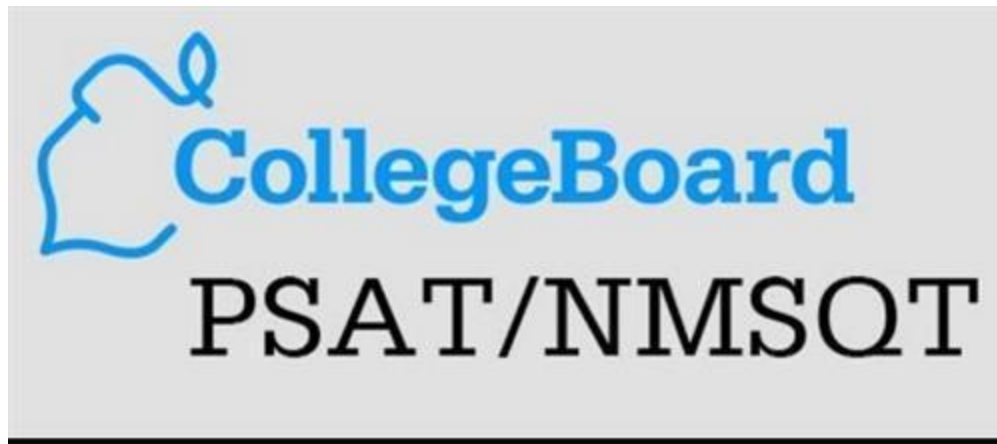




PSAT 2021 INFORMATION:

The PSAT test day at El Dorado High School is October 13, 2021. Registration opens on September 10. The cost for the test is \$18 cash only. Please register for the PSAT by October 1st. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Nancy Watson.

WHAT IS THE PSAT-NMSQT?

The PSAT is a standardized test administered by the College Board each year that serves two purposes:

1. The PSAT is a practice SAT college admissions test. After taking the PSAT, students will have an idea of how they may perform on the SAT.
2. The PSAT is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Juniors must take the PSAT to enter the competition.

WHO SHOULD TEST?

The PSAT-NMSQT is an **optional** test. Students must register and pay at the front desk at EHS. Any interested **junior students** may take this test. Students often perform best when they have been successful in rigorous math and English coursework. Completion of a full year of Geometry prior to testing is strongly encouraged.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PSAT-NMSQT:

- o [**PSAT Exam Information for Students**](#)
- o [**National Merit Scholarship Information for Students**](#)

The PSAT is 2 hours and 45 minutes long and tests your skills in reading, writing, and math. Unlike the SAT, the highest score possible on the PSAT is 1520. The PSAT is made up of

four sections: Evidence-Based Reading, Writing and Language, Math (no calculator), and Math (calculator allowed).

Evidence-Based Reading: 60 minutes to complete 47 questions. Passage genres include World Literature, Social Studies/History and Science. It will test your ability to read a passage, think critically about its main ideas and key details, and answer related questions.

Writing and Language: 35 minutes to complete 44 questions. Topics include expression of ideas and standard English conventions. It will test your ability to identify and fix grammatical errors as well as revise words and phrases to improve text.

Math: 45 minutes (no calculator) and 45 minutes (with a calculator) to complete 47 questions. Topics included are Algebra, Data Analysis and Problem Solving, and Advanced Math. There are 2 math sections on the PSAT: one allows calculator use and one does not. There are both multiple-choice questions with 4 answer choices and short answer questions.

STUDY RESOURCES:

[Online Practice Tests](#)

[2021 PSAT Student Guide](#)

[Sample Questions](#)

[Kahn Academy practice test](#)