



Digital PSAT/NMSQT – Grade 11

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

On Wednesday, October 9, all students in grade 11 will be taking the digital PSAT/NMSQT. Below is some information about the digital PSAT/NMSQT that can be found in the PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide, along with a few details that will help students to prepare for testing:

About the PSAT/NMSQT: College Board has created a digital version of the traditional paper and pencil test that continues to include one Reading and Writing section and one Math section. The test measures relevant skills and knowledge that are being learned in school and is scored on the same scoring scale (320-1520) as the paper test. To complete the PSAT/NMSQT, students will download and use Bluebook on their devices – College Board’s digital web application. The length of the digital PSAT/NMSQT is around 2 hours and 14 minutes.

Calculators: Another component of the digital PSAT/NMSQT is that it includes a built-in Desmos calculator that will be available for the Math section. Students will be able to practice their use of this calculator in the practice test that will be available to them in Bluebook. It is permissible for a student to bring her own handheld calculator to the test if she prefers, as long as it is considered acceptable with College Board. Please visit psat.org/calculator for the list of approved calculators.

Digital Readiness Check: The juniors will participate in a Digital Readiness Check that will serve as a dry run to help assess their technical readiness for the test. This trial run will allow students to complete an exam setup, become more familiar with Bluebook, confirm that their personal information is accurate, and verify that their devices are ready for testing.

Practice Tests and Student Guide: During the Digital Readiness Check, students will find that a test preview and a full-length practice test are available to them in Bluebook. As an additional resource, students are encouraged to learn more about the digital PSAT/NMSQT via this link to College Board’s [PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide](#).

What to Bring on Test Day: Students are required to bring their fully charged devices to school on test day, along with a pen or pencil for scratch work (scrap paper will be provided). Students may also bring a handheld, College Board-acceptable calculator if preferred to the calculator built-in to Bluebook.

Cell Phones and Smart Watches: Students will be asked to power down their cell phones/smart watches and place them in a cell phone caddy as a means of minimizing Wi-Fi traffic/connectivity and promoting the best testing conditions possible.

Test Day Timing: Juniors will report to school by 8:15am as usual and testing will begin promptly at 8:30am. **All juniors must arrive on time for testing.** Students taking the PSAT/NMSQT will be dismissed around 11:00am. Busing will be provided as usual on test day, so any student who needs to take the bus home will be able to do so at 3:00pm.

Testing Locations: Students will test with their homeroom and there will be seven testing rooms (below). The Learning Commons will be reserved as a "Help Room" on test day for any students in need of technical assistance.

Homeroom	Students	Testing Room
4	Albright – Conforti	26
16	Corrigan – Herzog	27
11	Hestnar – McAndrews; Glennon	11
12	McCloskey – Regan	15
28	Roberson – Zeleznock	28
Students with College Board-Approved Extended Time		10; 13

Testing with Accommodations: Students who have already been approved by College Board to test with extended time will receive a digital exam that is enabled with their approved amount of extended time per section. Students with College Board-approved extended time should report directly to Room 10 or 13 on test day. The length of testing for students with College Board-approved extended time should be around 3 hrs and 25 minutes.

Dress Down: Students sitting for the PSAT/NMSQT will be permitted to wear appropriate and comfortable Gwynedd apparel on test day (e.g. t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants; no shorts or pajamas).

