



Dear Upper Mids:

This year's PSAT will be offered on Thursday, October 29th. We are writing to answer a few questions about the test:

Why should I consider taking the PSAT?

1. Taking the PSAT can give you a sense of your future SAT score. Your PSAT results will also show you where your strengths and weaknesses lie.
2. You can target your test prep and focus on those areas you may need to practice for the SAT.
3. The PSAT is also the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Students who receive exceptionally high scores will receive National Merit recognition as Semifinalists or Finalists, and a small fraction of these may be considered for National Merit scholarships.

How do I sign up for the PSAT?

Registration will take place online through the Hotchkiss Student Portal in September. Ms. Grusauski will provide details and instructions once school begins.

Do colleges request PSAT scores as part of the admissions process?

No.

What is the format of the PSAT?

For more details about the PSAT's content, visit the PSAT [Content and Details page](#).

What can I do to prepare for the PSAT?

1. Sample questions can be found at: [PSAT Sample Questions](#)
2. The College Board has partnered with Khan Academy to provide PSAT and SAT prep. For a full length practice PSAT, [click here](#)
3. Hotchkiss also subscribes to Method Test Prep. You can access Method Test Prep [via this link](#) or through the student portal of the website. In order to practice for the PSAT, do the SAT practice exercises.
4. Ms. Grusauski, our testing coordinator, will be meeting with upper mids in the fall. She will provide students with practice booklets.

You can [click here](#) to access the College Advising section of the Hotchkiss website which contains helpful videos on all aspects of the college process, from course selection to a discussion of how colleges evaluate applications.

Finally, Upper Mids are [reminded](#) not to begin taking SATs, Subject Tests, or ACTs until December (at home), at the earliest. Information and advice about spring testing will be provided later in the fall and winter.

Thank you, and have a happy and safe August.

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