

HOTCHKISS

Lower Mids have the option to take the PSAT on Tuesday, October 26. The PSAT is a preliminary SAT (2 hours and 45 minutes) which measures skills in critical reading, math, and writing.

The PSAT is not required, and registration is not automatic. In fact, unless this is a student's 3rd year of high school, the School recommends waiting until next year to take the PSAT, as an Upper Mid. If a student has repeated a year of high school, making this their 3rd year, this is the year to take the PSAT in order to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship competition. Third year high school students who take the PSAT are entered in the National Merit Scholarship competition. "National Merit" standings have little or no bearing on college admissions. More information about this competition can be found at <https://www.nationalmerit.org/>.

The cost of this test is \$23. Students must register [online, through the One Card portal](#), between September 20 and October 5. Detailed registration instructions will be emailed to students. There will be a \$5 late fee charged after October 5. Students who are eligible for fee waivers will be notified directly.

Since this is meant to be practice, it is not suggested that time be devoted to studying for the PSAT, but College Board does offer free practice tests at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>, and practice test booklets are also available from Mrs. Grusauski.

Scores for the PSAT will be available by mid-December. They are for student use only and DO NOT become part of the student transcript.

If a student has questions about registration procedures, they should contact [Laurie Grusauski](#). Questions about whether or not to take the PSAT should be directed to the student's advisor or class dean.