

Practice PSAT: Wednesday, August 16th

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Good morning sophomores and juniors!

Next Wednesday, we will be running a practice digital PSAT with the assistance of Revolution Prep.

Digital PSAT/NMSQT Practice Exam

Starting with the October 2023 PSAT (and the spring 2024 SAT), the College Board is transitioning both exams from pencil-and-paper to digital format. Becoming familiar with the new digital-format tests will be key for students to feel confident as they head into their official PSAT in October of junior year. It is particularly important for juniors to get comfortable with the digital format as the October PSAT is also the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship.

Revolution Prep is excited to support us through this transition by offering a free digital PSAT practice experience that most accurately reflects the official College Board test in format, user experience, adaptivity, and content. Students will learn how to navigate the new digital testing format and practice using the exact tools available to them on the real test, such as the graphing calculator, digital annotations, answer elimination, and much more!

Upon completing the practice exam, you will receive a score report illustrating three high-impact areas for you to focus on, for each section of the test (math, reading, and writing), helping you to gain confidence for testing day in October.

The digital PSAT/NMSQT Practice Exam will be on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, start time - 11:00 AM CT in the JBS Field House. It is important that you arrive no later than 11:00 so that we can begin testing promptly at 11:15. The test will run approximately 2.5 hours.

Please follow these important steps prior to testing:

Step 1: Register here: www.revolutionprep.com/partners/19236 (please do that this week)

Step 2: Schedule a free 30-minute score report review with a Revolution Prep testing expert to help you interpret the results and develop a customized plan to prepare. Please schedule this appointment for the few days after the exam. You can pre-schedule this Score Report Review here: www.revolutionprep.com/jaime-wareham

Step 3: Make sure your device is fully charged and ready to go on exam day.

There is a graphing calculator built into the exam, so there is no need to bring your own. If you feel more comfortable using your own graphing calculator, you may bring one.

In preparation for the October PSAT, Revolution Prep is also offering a **PSAT 101 Strategy Session**. This free **two-hour** session is designed to give students insight into the PSAT exam as well as provide tips and tricks for test day. In this session, one of their professional tutors will teach core test-taking strategies including a dive into the exam content and structure, how to avoid common traps, and how to create the best plan for success.

PSAT 101 Strategy Session: Sunday, September 17, 2023, from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT | Live Online Register here: www.revolutionprep.com/partners/19236

Questions? If you have questions regarding test day logistics, please contact me, Darryl Calkins, at dcalkins@jburroughs.org. **Juniors**, if you want to learn more about Revolution Prep, you can reach out to your dedicated Revolution Prep Advisor, **Jaime Wareham**, at (412) 552-3532 or by email at jaime.wareham@revolutionprep.com.

Best, Darryl Calkins Director of College Counseling John Burroughs School