

PSAT | October 12 (11th Grade Only)

Students should arrive at 7:45 a.m.

Test begins promptly at 8 a.m. and will be completed by 12:30 p.m.

Why we take the PSAT/NMSQT

Taking the PSAT lets you assess your critical reading, mathematical reasoning and writing skills. Taking the PSAT is the only way for juniors to enter in the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSQT) competitions for recognition and scholarships. The National Merit Scholarship is an annual academic competition among high school students for recognition and college scholarships. Students will receive a score which will give them specific details on their academic skills and suggestions on how to improve in those different areas.

There are only a few things you really need to bring on test day and a lot of things you'll be better off leaving at home.

What to Bring

- Two No. 2 pencils with erasers
- An [approved calculator](#)
- Water bottle and a snack for during break

What Not to Bring

- Any devices, including smartwatches, that can be used to record, transmit, receive or play back audio, photographic, text, or video content
- Protractors, compasses, rulers
- Highlighters, colored pens, colored pencils
- Pamphlets or papers of any kind
- Dictionaries or other books

During the Test

You will be allowed to have only these items on your desk:

- A test book
- An answer sheet
- No. 2 pencils with erasers
- An approved calculator—during one of the math sections only

Turn Off All Electronic Devices

You'll need to turn off all electronic devices during the test and even during breaks. This includes cell phones. Be sure to turn off your watch alarm, if you have one. Why? Test centers are serious about security and quiet, so prohibited devices—which include cell phones, tablets...etc—must be turned off and put under your desk.

Really, Really Important

You will be dismissed immediately and your scores will be canceled if you use your phone or if it makes a noise—even during breaks. Your phone may also be confiscated and inspected.

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