

Scholars
Academy High
School
Class of 2027

PSAT/NMSQT (digital)

OCTOBER 17, 2024

Importance of 10th Grade PSAT

10th Grade PSAT scores give you a great indication of your strengths and weaknesses. Use the online Khan Academy program to help you focus your test taking strategies where it can help you gain the most growth for 11th grade PSAT performance.

11th Grade PSAT could mean money for college!

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

- X National Merit Sponsored Scholarships.
- X Business/Corporate Sponsored Scholarships.
- X College/University Sponsored Scholarships.



Link your previous PSAT scores for customized FREE test preparation with Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

<https://bluebook.app.collegeboard.org/>

Standardized Testing

X PSAT/NMSQT—9th, 10th, 11th

X EOC—English 2, Biology,
US History

X AP—9th, 10th, 11th, 12th

AP USH—May 9, AP Calculus AB—May 12, AP Language—May 14

X SAT & ACT—11th

X ACT WorkKeys Career Readiness
Assessment—11th



When should I take the SAT/ACT?

- x 10th Graders are encouraged to use PSAT and Khan Academy to prep for taking the SAT/ACT in 11th grade.
- x Teacher led PSAT practice at Scholars Academy. After school 2:30-3:30 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays September 10th -October 11th.



SAT/ACT which test is for me?

- x Both tests are high stakes tests and considered equally by most colleges.
- x Some researchers suggests that ACT is a favorite for students who have strong reading comprehension and the SAT is a favorite for those with a solid Math background.
- x The choice is different for everyone. The best way to decide if you are unsure of which test is for you is to take an ACT Practice test and compare it to your experience on PSAT.



SAT: www.collegeboard.org

ACT:
<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html>

South Carolina Scholarship Programs

PALMETTO FELLOWS

4.0 GPA

1400 SAT or 31 ACT

\$6,700 1st year of college

\$7500 2nd, 3rd & 4th
year of college

LIFE SCHOLARSHIP

3.0 GPA

1100 SAT OR 24 ACT

\$5,000 per year for 8
semesters (fall and spring)

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

3.0 GPA

No test score requirement

\$2,500 first year. If you
have a 3.0 at that time it
will become the LIFE
Scholarship for the
remaining 6 semesters.

ED/OP College Fair Nights

October 8, 2024

5:30 - 7:00pm

Scholars Academy



10th Grade Trip

**10th Grade will take a trip to Charleston
in December English/Social
Studies/Guidance Department.**

**More information provided
Soon!**



College Board Big Future & Naviance

bigfuture.collegeboard.org/

Research colleges/universities, programs of study

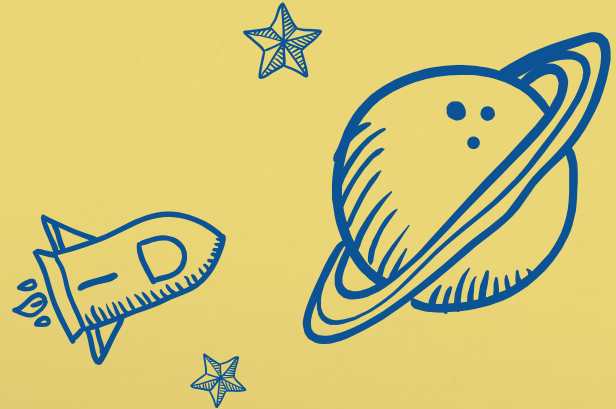
Finding and selecting colleges that fit

Profiles of students selected for admission
(GPA, test scores)

AP Credit awarded by institution

Matching majors to careers or careers to majors

Site full of information, videos, articles, and links to help prepare for post secondary education and beyond....info and tips to help prepare for the college app process, application essays, interviewing, paying for college, and more....



Additional College/Career Planning

- x <https://www.niche.com/colleges/search/best-colleges/>
- x <https://www.cappex.com/>
- x <http://www.collegeconfidential.com/>
- x <https://www.universities.com/>
- x <http://www.princetonreview.com/college-education>
- x <https://www.petersons.com/>
- x College/University Websites



Academic Resume'/Portfolio

Important to keep a record of
high school academic and
extracurricular activities,
achievements, awards, honors,
and service efforts.

Estimated IGP Timeline:



Link to schedule your IGP will be emailed to parent and student account when scheduling is open.

Reminder: please schedule during Scholar Station or afterschool.

Spring CCU Advisory

Advisory for CCU Spring 2025 Schedules will begin during Advisory September 12, 2024

Start thinking about what courses you would like to register for.

GOOD HABITS TO STAY ON TRACK!

Check your school
email daily!

1

Check the school &
guidance websites
regularly

3

Utilize available
resources

5

Read the Weekly
Announcements

2

Review My CCU with
intention for Spring
Semester

4

Ask for help
when needed

6

Heavy Course Load and Managing Stress

Health & Happiness

Broaden your view of success to balance academics, health & happiness.

Success is measured throughout your life and is not based just upon making an "A" in an AP class or a 1600 on the SAT.

Prioritize Sleep & Limit

Screen Time

To support sleep limit caffeine and late night screen time. A good night's sleep goes a long way to help with learning, concentration and emotional well-being.

Balance Your Schedule

Evaluate your commitments. If you are feeling overwhelmed or tired you may need to lighten your load so you can stay healthy and get enough sleep.

Mental Health Resources

Taking care of yourself is important. If you have tried balancing your schedule, getting enough sleep, and making healthy choices but you still feel overwhelmed we have resources to help you cope with the challenges of life.

Please reach out to Mr. McQueen or Mrs. Williams and we will be happy to help connect you with school and community resources that can assist you.

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Thanks!

Any questions?

Please feel free to contact us with any additional questions.

