

FAQs

How will the PSAT be administered this year?

The PSAT will be digital this year, meaning you will take the test on your laptop. You will need to bring your computer to the Saturday PSAT testing day. This is not a virtual test. This will be an in person test on October 26, 2024

What is the PSAT?

Known as the Preliminary SAT, PAT is a preparatory version of the SAT exam. The test is given once a year. During your junior year, if you earn a high score on the PSAT, you could qualify to receive a National Merit Scholarship. PSATs can be taken by 9-11th graders only. 12th graders do not take the PSAT

Why take the PSAT?

Power Up Potential:

The PSAT/NMSQT® (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is given to 10th- or 11th-grade students. As part of the SAT® Suite of Assessments, it is designed to help prepare students for the SAT, college, and careers. Historically, students who took the PSAT/NMSQT scored higher on the SAT, on average, than those who didn't take the test.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

PSAT/NMSQT in 11th grade may meet requirements to enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and scholarships conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The scholarship partners also use the PSAT/NMSQT to find students qualified to apply for their programs. In addition, the BigFuture Scholarships program provides a simple path to college with the chance to earn \$40,000 and \$500 scholarships for each step taken. At least half of the scholarships – more than \$1.5 million – will be awarded to students whose families earn less than \$60,000 per year.

How do I prepare for the PSAT Test?

College Board has free tests for you to prepare <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt/preparing>

Please click here to see the [Student Guide to the PSAT](#)

How is the test structured?

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt/whats-on-the-test>

What if I need accommodations for testing?

Please read the following information and return the attached form if you have not already requested accommodations from the College Board for your students 504 plan. Students with a documented disability who intend to take the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, ACT and/or AP tests may be eligible to receive accommodations. To receive accommodations on the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT and/or AP tests, you must apply for and receive College Board approval. To receive accommodations on the ACT, you must complete a separate form provided through ACT (www.actstudent.org).

Please remember that an approval process may take up to 7-8 weeks. Therefore request accommodations as soon as possible.

Students and parents must apply for these accommodations. Please contact Mr. Perry at s.perry@ecrchs.net for more information.

*Please understand that it is your responsibility to reach out to the college board or Mr. Perry to see if you qualify for any testing accommodations. Please sign and return the attached form to the Counseling Office #2, a copy will be provided upon return.

Last day for accommodations requests for the October PSAT/SAT would be August 19, 2024.

****If you have already applied before as an El Camino Student, you do not need to resubmit a form unless you have had any changes to medical records or your 504 plans which may result in changes to the college board accommodations.**