PSAT

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We Will Be Talking About...

-The PSAT Overall

-Scoring

-Goals/Statistics

-Tips

-NMSQT

-Past Statistics

-Scholarships

First...

Do not stress!
This is only one opportunity, and you will have many more :)

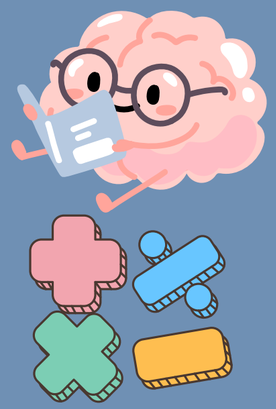
Why is the PSAT important?

-College Applications
-Projected SAT
-Areas of improvement
-NMSQT Opportunities!

Scoring!

PSAT is out of 1520

(Compared to 1600 on SAT)



Sophomores	Juniors
430	460
480	510

Graphics

Problem-Solving and Data Analysis (20% of section, 7-9 questions)

160 760

Performance: 680-760

View skills and example questions in your score band

Geometry and Trigonometry (12.5% of section, 4-6 questions)

160 760

Performance: 550-600

Total Score Comparisons

Compare your score to the average scores of other 11th grade test takers.

Your Score
1440

Your State (Avg.)
1066
3-year average score of 24,408 test takers from your state

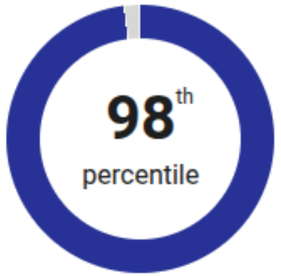
Your School (Avg.)
1111
3-year average score of 138 test takers from your school

U.S., U.S. Territories, and Armed Forces (Avg.)
985
3-year average score of 4,452,014 test takers from U.S., U.S. territories, and armed forces

Your District (Avg.)
1111
3-year average score of 138 test takers from your district

All Testers (Avg.)
986
3-year average score of 4,515,160 test takers from all testers

Your State
23,895 Testers



Goals!

CHS Average 2023 (Soph): 1132

CHS Average 2024 (Junior): 1111

(Aim to exceed these!)

Tips!

- Practice Books
- Class Time
- PreACT
- Bluebook

NMSQT (Juniors)

-Commended Students
-National Merit Semifinalist
-National Merit Finalist
-Scholarship Awardees

How is the Index Calculated?

$$\frac{\text{RW x2 + Math}}{10} = ___/228$$

Commended Students!

-Commended Students get a Letter of Commendation but do not advance to the National Merit Scholarships

-Indicator of Academic Excellence (top 3-4%)

2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
210	208	207	207	207	209	212	212

Semifinalist

- Different cutoffs for different states (Ex. Louisiana was 216, NJ was 225)
    - Top 1% of test takers (16,000)
    - Estimates will be online soon after test (you'll know mid-Sept.)

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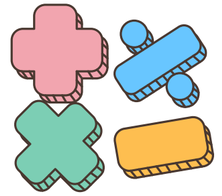

Sophomore #1	630	610
Sophomore #2	700	600
Junior #1	720	720
Junior #2	740	700

Finalist

- Semifinalists submit an application by October (personal and household information, test scores, grades, person essay...)
- 95% of NMSF will move on to Finalists! (You know by January senior year)

Scholarships

- Nearly 7,000 NMFs will be granted a scholarship; $26 million total

- Types: College Sponsored, Corporate Sponsored, and National Merit sponsored

Scholarship Breakdown!

Corporate (830): 150 corporation sponsors. Usually for children of their employees.

College (3,600): 150 college sponsors. You must apply at the institution, name a sponsor college your first choice, and not receive any other national merit scholarship.

NM (2,500): Attend a college/university by fall and pursue a degree.

Thank You