



All School Test Day 10/14/26 Grade Level Plans

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GRADE 9: PSAT 8/9

For information about the PSAT 8/9, click [HERE](#).

Grade 10: PreACT

For information about the PreACT, click [HERE](#).

GRADE 11: PSAT/NMSQT

Please note: The PSAT/NMSQT is the only qualifying test for the **National Merit Scholarship Program**, an academic competition for recognition and scholarships conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. For more information, click [HERE](#).

GRADE 12: While formally a school release day for seniors, several optional activities are available:

October 14 is All School Test Day, and seniors have an official release day to participate in one of the following options:

Attend a College Application & Essay Workshop

- Media Center, 8:15–11:15 am
- DeLaSalle college counselors and 12th grade English teachers, along with college counseling community volunteers, will be on hand to provide support.
- Breakfast treats will be served!
- Please RSVP [HERE](#) by Friday, October 9 so we can plan accordingly.

Participate in a Campus Ministry service opportunity.

- More information will be shared in the Islander Update email.

Use the day for independent college visits.

Schedule for Grades 9 – 11

- 8:15 am: all students in grades 9–11 are to report to their assigned testing room no later than this time
- 11:15 am: approximate conclusion for students testing with standard time
- 12:15 pm: approximate conclusion for students testing with the pre-approved extended time accommodation
- Students who must remain on campus for afternoon activities should report to the assigned supervised room after testing.
- Please keep in mind that school lunch will not be provided on this day.

Schedule for Optional Grade 12 Activities

- 8:15 – 11:15 am: College Essay and Application Workshop in the Media Center (RSVP link above)
- 8:30 am – 2:30 pm: Campus Ministry Service Opportunity

How This Day Supports Students' College Preparation

For 9th and 10th grade, the PSAT 8/9 and the PreACT are used for informational purposes only for DeLaSalle and for students and their families. Scores do not affect student grades and are not used to determine course placement. These annual standardized tests are to help faculty and staff to best understand students' current learning and strengths and needs in specific academic areas. These tests also provide a practice opportunity for students in the SAT and ACT formats and testing platforms. The 11th grade PSAT is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test and may be visible to outside entities such as colleges and universities.

As more colleges resume requiring the ACT or SAT for admission, and as some merit-based scholarships continue to use test scores in their selection, increased exposure to these exams helps students achieve one of DeLaSalle's key goals: preparing them for college.

By the time students take their first official college admissions exam (typically in junior year), they will have completed at least two practice exams for both the ACT and SAT, including the PreACT 8/9 taken as part of the prospective student admissions process. These experiences help students and families make informed decisions about which test to pursue, since all colleges accept either the ACT or SAT without preference.

For seniors, who are in the midst of applications, this day provides dedicated time and support to move their college process forward—whether through focused work on essays and applications, engaging in service opportunities, or visiting campuses.

Resources to Prepare for All School Testing Day

Students will test on their school issued device.

Ensure the device is fully charged for testing day!

Information Sessions about All School Testing Day

Students in grades 9-11 have had lessons with the Counseling Team to explain the schedule on this day. They have also completed the Digital Readiness Check in advisories so their devices should be ready to go for testing day.

For your reference:

[Here are the lessons from 9th grade advisories](#) regarding the PSAT 8/9 and Bluebook

[Here are the lessons for 10th graders advisories](#) regarding the PreACT and TestNav

[Here are the lessons for 11th graders](#) regarding the PSAT and Bluebook

Practice Tests

Students have access to practice tests via the testing apps that they used during their digital readiness check.

- 9th and 11th grade need their log-in credentials to access practice tests in Bluebook. If your student needs their log-in credentials, please request that information from Ms. O'Keefe via email or have your student check in with her during the school day.
- 10th grade can access their practice tests from the homescreen in Test Nav and clicking PreACT to the left. No log-in is necessary for 10th grade practice tests.

What to Bring on Test Day

- **FULLY CHARGED iPad/MacBook**
- **Know what room you will report to by 8:15 at the latest!**
- ACT or PSAT approved calculator (if desired - both testing platforms have a built in desmos calculator)
- Knowledge of how your student will get home at mid-day (bus, pick up, extended time van, etc)
- Optional: pencil, waterbottle, snack
- Limit what you bring to school - phones **MUST** be in lockers, and not in the testing room.
- No backpacks necessary on this day
- This is a regular (half) school day. Students must report to school in regular school uniform.