

PSAT ESSENTIALS TO GO OVER BEFORE

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Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT (10th and 11th Grade)

Official Student Guide to the 8/9 PSAT (9th Grade)

Page One of Guide: Important Information About Taking the PSAT

- a. What it measures
- b. Why take the test?
- c. Fee: FREE
- d. What should the students bring on assessment day?
 - i. The student number is imperative for school data use

Student Guide: Review as much of it with the students as you think will help them prepare for taking the assessment.

GRADE LEVEL TARGETS

9th Grade

- PSAT8/9
- The PSAT 8/9 is a test that will help you and your teachers figure out what you need to work on most so that you're ready for college when you graduate from high school. It tests the same skills and knowledge as the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and PSAT 10 — in a way that makes sense for your grade level.
- The PSAT 8/9 establishes a baseline measurement of your college and career readiness as you go begin your high school career. It also gives you a chance to preview the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and PSAT 10 and connect to AP courses

10th and 11th grade

Get Ready for the New SAT

The PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 are great ways to preview and practice for the SAT. They test the same skills and knowledge as the SAT — in a way that makes sense for your grade level. The new SAT is lined up with our curriculum which is lined up with the state standards. |

When you get your test results, connect your College Board and [Khan Academy®](#) accounts to get free personalized SAT study recommendations. This will help you know what to focus on in your MHS classes!

Vision for PSAT/SAT

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We are building an assessment culture focus. This will help for the students and us to look at it as an assessment of their learning, and not a TEST! It will take time for an assessment mindset to develop, but that is the goal of fostering an assessment culture; a measure of learning and progress to guide their learning, not an end game. The Fall PSAT will serve as a pre-assessment of their learning, where the Spring PSAT will serve as a post-assessment of their learning for this year. The students will have feedback to use in identifying the academic areas they need to target in their classes and for the SAT as they continue to assess their learning.