

College Board Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)

Grades/Students

All students in Grade 10, and optional for Grades 9 and 11.

Date

The assessment is administered in October of each school year.

Description

The PSAT is a standardized, norm-referenced aptitude test. It is a two-hour and 45-minute test. The Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math Sections are multiple-choice with four options. The Math section includes multiple-choice and gridded-response questions and is divided into two portions: Math Test with Calculator and Math Test without Calculator. The PSAT compares a student's abilities and general academic development with other students throughout the nation who are planning to attend college. The state will pay the examination fee for any grade 10 student who wishes to take the test in October. Grades 9 and 11 students who self-pay for the PSAT administration, or who are eligible for free/reduced lunch fee waivers, can participate in the October administration.

Results

For each section, scale scores ranging from 160 to 760 are provided six to eight weeks after the administration. National percentile ranks are provided so that students may compare their performance with that of other students in their grade level.

Basis of Test

Grade 10 - State mandate
Grades 9 and 11 - Nationally offered

Website

www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html

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