Digital PSAT Prep

Test Day: October 11, 2023

Goals for today

- Big Picture Stuff
  - "What is the PSAT? Why are we taking it?"
  - PSAT format and content
  - Khan Academy SAT resources
- Test Day Preparation
  - Testing procedures
  - College Board account
  - Approved testing devices
  - The Bluebook app
  - Practice with/explore Bluebook

The PSAT/NMSQT

Preliminary SAT & National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

- Exposure to SAT style questions and format before taking SAT in spring of junior year
- Score reporting with benchmarking and estimates for SAT performance
- Opportunity for recognition through National Merit Scholarship Competition

PSAT Format

Reading and Writing: 64 minutes, 54 questions

- Two modules, evenly split

Math: 70 minutes, 44 questions

- Two modules, evenly split, with difficulty increasing within a module

Total time: 2 hours, 14 minutes

This is now the **same length** as the (Digital) SAT.

PSAT Content

Reading and Writing

1. Craft and Structure
2. Information and Ideas
3. Standard English Conventions
4. Expression of Ideas

Math

1. Algebra
   a. Linear equations and functions
2. Advanced Math
   a. Nonlinear equations (quadratic, exponential, polynomial, rational, etc.)
3. Problem-Solving and Data Analysis
4. Geometry and Trigonometry

Khan Academy SAT Resources

Visit *khanacademy.org/SAT*

Select "In the U.S. or U.S. Territories"

Select "In 2024"

Digital SAT practice through Khan Academy, including in-depth coverage for all SAT question types and topics

Test Day Procedures

- As with other standardized tests, students will follow strict protocols regarding:
  - room assignments
  - permitted materials (e.g. pen/pencil, calculator)
  - prohibited materials (e.g. phones, smart watches, etc.)
  - breaks
  - dismissal
- Follow all proctor directions on the day of the test.

Your College Board Account

*Don't have one? Create one **now**—link on Classroom. Use your school email.*

Your College Board account is the key to all College Board tests—PSAT, SAT, and AP.

Make sure you know your username (i.e. your email) and password on the day of the test.

Windows

- Windows 10+
- 250 MB disk space
- External mouse allowed
- *Fully charged*

Mac

- macOS 11.4+
- 150 MB disk space
- External mouse allowed
- *Fully charged*

Chromebooks

- No

iPads

- Strongly recommend against

Request to use a school computer for test day—link on Digital PSAT Resources post

You are responsible for your own device being charged, connected to student Wi-Fi, and ready with Bluebook app installed on test day.

Bluebook

College Board's proprietary app for exam administration and security.

Features:

- Device lockdown while testing
- Multi-stage adaptive testing
- Single download, single upload for exam data
- Assistive technology features

Bluebook - Demo and Time to Explore

Bluebook has two ways to explore/practice before the PSAT:

- Test preview (no scoring)
- Full practice test (including scoring)

Let's take a look…

Next Steps: Getting to October 11

1. Ensure you have access to your College Board student account, including having your password memorized for login on test day.
2. **Download and explore the Bluebook app** on the device you plan to use.
   a. OR: Request to use a school computer for test day using the Google Form linked on Classroom.
3. Attend optional **Community Period PSAT help** on 10/3 and 10/5 in the Library.
4. Look for more information from Mr. O'Connor's office or Mr. Zielke before test day about what to expect that day.