



**PSAT 8/9 &
PSAT/NMSQT
October 16th, 2019**

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test

No early release Wednesday

October 16th

- On Wednesday October 16th, all NeoCity Students will participate in a PSAT exam on our campus. This is a pencil and paper exam free of charge to all students.
- NO EARLY RELEASE district wide on October 16th

SAT Assessments

PSAT 8/9	9th Grade	Baseline link for colleges/career
PSAT/NMSQT 10th	10th Grade	Prep for SAT and a link for college/scholarships
PSAT/NMSQT 11th	11th	National Merit Scholarship & additional scholarships
SAT	Suggested the end of 10 th grade or Beginning of 11 th .	College Admissions and Scholarships

What is the PSAT?

- 9th/10th exams are part of the SAT Suite of Assessments.
- It's a window into SAT college admissions/scholarships/Careers



Reading Test



Writing and Language Test



Math Test

- Each test assesses the academic skills that students developed over the years, primarily through coursework.

Writing and Language Test

- PSAT 9th - 30 Minutes
- PSAT/NMSQT 10th – 35 Minutes.

Quick Facts

- All questions are multiple choice and based on passages.
- Some passages are paired with informational graphics such as charts, graphs, and tables.
- No mathematical computation is required.
- Prior topic-specific knowledge is never tested.
- The Writing and Language Test is part of the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section.



Reading Test

- PSAT 9th - 55 minutes
- PSAT 10th – 60 minutes



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Math Test



- PSAT 9th - 2 test sections; 60 minutes
- PSAT 10th – 2 test sections; 70 minutes

Quick Facts

- Most math questions will be multiple choice, but some will be student-produced responses (grid-ins).
- The Math Test is divided into two portions: Math Test – Calculator and Math Test – No Calculator.
- Some parts of the test will present a scenario and then ask several questions about it.

Benefits of the PSAT

- **Score Report (December)**
 - Connect with **Khan Academy** to give students personalized practice recommendations for the SAT
 - Preparation for the **PSAT National Merit Scholar Exam** Junior year
 - Predicted outcomes for the FSA ELA exam in the Spring
 - Gives information on college majors/career exploration
 - Connect students with colleges of interest
 - **(colleges will not see student scores)**
 - (10th grade PSAT connects with scholarship search Fall of 11th)

Exam Resources

- [Student PSAT 8/9 Guide](#) (approved calculator list)
- [Student PSAT/NMSQT](#) (approved calculator list)
- Khan Academy
- **Low stress exam (pre-SAT) – adjusts Khan Academy based on results. Exam is only to see where you are in the moment. Does not affect college applications and is not added into grades.**
- Get a good night sleep and eat breakfast
- **Come to school on October 16th with a calculator and number 2 pencils.**

RaiseMe

RaiseMe is a site for Micro Scholarships (small scholarships for things that you are already doing in high school—tutoring, studying, taking the PSAT, getting an A on a test).

- Set up/update your account (English classes will do this in November)