

PSAT 9 Frequently Asked Questions

- **When is the test?**

All freshman in the state of Michigan will take the PSAT with Essay on the Tuesday after we return from Spring Break. Testing will begin promptly at 7:40 am.

- **Do students have class after testing is done?**

Yes, classes begin for all students with a modified schedule (to be determined).

- **Does it cost anything to take this test?**

This test is free to PPS students.

- **What is the test composed of?**

2 sections, Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and Math

Reading--55 minutes

5-minute break

Writing and Language--30 minutes

Math--No Calculator--20 minutes

5-minute break

Math--Calculator--40 minutes

- **What can students bring into the testing room?**

Students need to bring photo ID, a couple of #2 pencils, a calculator, and that's it!

NO electronic devices, NO mechanical pencils or pens or highlighters, NO backpacks or bags, NO reading material, NO food or drink.

- **Do students have to register in advance for the PSAT 9?**

No, you are automatically registered if you are a student in the 9th grade. However, you will complete some pre-test paperwork several days before testing, and we will call you down from your 9th grade English class to the Community Room.

- **How can students prepare for the PSAT?**

All students in Michigan have been given free access to the Khan Academy, an online, free SAT/PSAT practice website. Students at PCHS can access this with their Google credentials. There are sample questions, full-length practice tests, and more.

www.satpractice.org.

- **Why the PSAT?**

The PSAT is the best preparation for the SAT, which students in Michigan will take in the spring of their junior year. The SAT is widely accepted by universities in the U.S.

- **If you don't know an answer on the PSAT 9, should you guess?**

Students, we encourage you to give your best answer for every test question, since there is no penalty for guessing.

- **When do the scores come in? How do we view them?**

Scores are ready to be viewed about 4 weeks after the test. You won't get a paper score report, so you will need to be sure and create your online College Board account, as that is where your scores will be stored and available for viewing. You can see a lot of details in your score report, even which questions you got right and wrong.