

College Board Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)

Grades/Students

All students in grade 10.
Optional for grades 9 and 11.

Date

Administered in October of each school year.

Description

The PSAT is a standardized, norm-referenced aptitude test. It is a two-hour and 10-minute test. The Critical Reading and Writing Skills sections are multiple-choice. The Math section includes multiple-choice and gridded-response questions. 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. Grade 9 students and all grade 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 20 to 80 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.
Grade 9 and 11 - Nationally offered.

Website

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

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