

# PSAT Rules and Expectations

## What is the PSAT?

- The PSAT is a practice SAT exam that includes the types of questions you will see on the SAT, but involving simpler concepts and skills. The test is 2 hours and 45 minutes long and contains three sections: reading, writing, and math.

## Why Should I Care About the PSAT?

- The PSAT that you take during your 10th grade year is a test specifically designed to help you prepare for the PSAT and SAT test that you will take during your 11th grade year. The SAT is a test that helps determine what colleges and universities you qualify to attend after high school. **You should do your best on the PSAT so that you can learn what skills and subjects you need more preparation on before your 11th grade SAT.**

## What Will Test Day Look Like?

- Prior to the test date, your School Counselor will let you know where you will be taking the test (small gym or library). You will report to this location at the beginning of the day.
- Once in your testing location, you will place your things at the side of the room against the wall (**cell phones** must be placed in your backpack against the wall or can be collected by the proctor prior to the test- cell phone possession can lead to **disqualification** of your test score).
- You will be provided with your answer sheet and test booklet prior to the test. Please wait for proctor instructions before opening the booklets and beginning the test.
- You will be given breaks during the exam and, following the exam, will return to your scheduled class.

## What Do I Need to Bring to the PSAT Test?

- Number two pencils
- Calculator (graphing or scientific calculator recommended)

## What Can I NOT Bring to the PSAT Test?

- Highlighters or pens
- Scrap paper
- Cellphone, ipod, or other handheld device
- Laptop
- Books
- Snacks and drinks

## What are the behavioral expectations for when I'm completing the PSAT?

- You will arrive to the test **on time** (if the test has already begun, you may not begin independently)
- You will work **quietly** and **diligently** (any disruption to your or other students' tests can lead to disqualification of your test score)
- If you finished early, you will **look over your work** and **sit quietly** (you will not be permitted to read, be on a laptop or cell phone, speak to other students, etc.)

\*\* If you have any questions about this test or the test date, please contact your School Counselor.