

CHESTER ISD

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IS THE PSAT
RIGHT FOR MY
STUDENT?

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF PSAT'S?

PSAT
8/9

The PSAT 8/9 is an assessment given to 8th and 9th graders that is closely aligned to the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and the PSAT 10. The test helps establish a baseline for students as they enter high school and begin preparing for college and career readiness. It consists of questions in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and in Math. By taking the PSAT8/9, students will learn which skills he or she needs to work on for continued success when preparing for high school and ultimately college. In addition, the PSAT 8/9 will identify areas where the student excels, as well as areas he or she should focus to improve academically.

PSAT 10

The PSAT-10 is a practice standardized test administered specifically for high school sophomores. Your Score Reports are intended to serve as a prediction of scores on the SAT and to aid you in preparing for the SAT. It identifies student academic strengths and weaknesses early in high school, when there's plenty of time to improve before college. Additionally, the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and PSAT 10 connect students to another \$300 million in college scholarships for students across major demographics.

PSAT
NMSQT

The PSAT/NMSQT can qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship Program and other scholarships. The PSAT/NMSQT is a standardized test that 11th graders (and some 10th graders) take. Like the SAT, it measures the knowledge and skills in reading, writing, and math students learn in the classroom—the same knowledge and skills your child needs to succeed in college and career. By taking the PSAT/NMSQT as a junior, students may meet the requirements to enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. Additionally, the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and PSAT 10 connect students to another \$300 million in college scholarships for students across major demographics.

CAN YOU SHOW ME A CONTENT AND TIME COMPARISON OF EACH TEST?

| | PSAT 8/9 | | PSAT 10 and PSAT/NMSQT | |
|--|---------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Time Allotted | Amount | % of Test | Amount | % of Test |
| Total | 60 minutes | 100% | 70 minutes | 100% |
| Calculator Permitted Section | 40 minutes | 67% | 45 minutes | 64% |
| Calculator Not Permitted Section | 20 minutes | 33% | 25 minutes | 36% |
| Questions | Number | % of Test | Number | % of Test |
| Total | 38 | 100% | 48 | 100% |
| Multiple Choice (4 options) | 31 | 82% | 40 | 83% |
| Student-Produced Response (grid-in) | 7 | 18% | 8 | 17% |
| Content Categories | | | | |
| Heart of Algebra | 16 questions | 42% | 16 questions | 33% |
| Problem Solving and Data Analysis | 16 questions | 42% | 16 questions | 33% |
| Passport to Advanced Math | 6 questions | 16% | 14 questions | 29% |
| Additional Topics in Math* | 0 questions | 0% | 2 questions | 4% |
| Contribution of Items to Cross-Test Scores | | | | |
| Analysis in Science | 6 questions | 16% | 7 questions | 15% |
| Analysis in History/Social Studies | 6 questions | 16% | 7 questions | 15% |
| *Questions in Additional Topics in Math contribute to the total Math Test score but don't contribute to a subscore within the Math Test. | | | | |

ARE THESE TESTS OFFERED AT CHESTER ISD?

Previously these tests were offered on an irregular basis within district. However, moving forward Chester ISD will begin offering each of these tests on an annual basis.

HOW CAN YOU PREPARE FOR THESE TESTS OR IMPROVE YOUR SCORE?

The keys to successful preparation include making a plan to get the most out of your study time, setting realistic goals, targeting the areas where you have room for improvement, and practicing. The easiest way to do all this: free Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy®, which gives you daily practice that's personalized for you based on your strengths and weaknesses.

WHO CAN I CONTACT AT CHESTER ISD ABOUT THESE TESTS?

You can contact Mrs. Thompson, the District Testing Coordinator.