

PSAT 10: Wednesday, April 12th

What 10th Grade Parents & Students need to Know

Hello 10th Grade students and families,

*Wednesday, April 12th, will be a big day at Tri-Valley High School! Normal classes will not be taking place as freshmen and sophomores will take the PSAT, juniors will be off-campus taking the SAT, and seniors will be off-campus to job shadow, visit a college, or participate in community service. **Because this is an unconventional day there is a lot you need to know!** Please read over all the information provided below so your son/daughter has a positive, stress-free testing day on Wednesday.*

Sincerely,

*Frank Arnolts
TVHS Principal*

(1) About the Test, Practice & Resources:

- All sophomores will be taking the PSAT 10, as all students took the PSAT 8/9 at TVHS last year. This is the students' middle step in preparing for the SAT, which serves as both the Illinois high school assessment and as a college entrance exam.
- [Khan Academy](#): The best way to practice for the SAT, PSAT 10, and PSAT/NMSQT is free for everyone. Brought to you by the College Board's test developers and Khan Academy.
- [PSAT Practice Tests](#): Take a practice PSAT on paper to simulate the test day experience.

(2) What students need to Bring:

- Two No. 2 pencils (**non-mechanical**) and erasers
- Approved calculator (see SAT [Calculator Policy](#))
- A watch without an alarm (Not necessary but recommended)
- Extra batteries or a backup calculator (Not necessary but recommended)
- Water or snacks for breaks.
- The College Board has a long list of what not to bring. Basically, you should not bring anything that is not on the above list. **Please leave phones in your cars or lockers.**
- **If a device you are carrying makes noise or you are seen using it at any time, including during breaks, you may be dismissed immediately, your scores will be canceled, and the device may be confiscated to inspect its contents.**

(3) Important Notes:

- All Freshman and Sophomore students will be dismissed as testing activities are completed. **Dismissal for Sophomores will be approximately 12:05. [If you plan on having your student stay for all/part of the day after testing is complete, please fill out this Google Form.](#)** These students will be in a supervised study hall for the afternoon.
- Breakfast will be provided by the TVHS kitchen staff, beginning at 7:30 AM in the Commons. On the menu: The price will be just a regular lunch price of \$2.92 and will follow the same guidelines as lunch

(with one entrée, fruit, potatoes, juice or milk). Entrees are either a breakfast casserole or donut/muffin.

- Students who come late to school on this day **will not** be able to enter testing rooms or complete the test. We ask that you avoid scheduled appointments that day until after testing is finished.

(4) Schedule on Wednesday, April 12 for Sophomores:

7:30 AM:	Breakfast
8:10 AM:	Students need to be in assigned classrooms.
8:20 AM:	Testing Begins
	○ Reading Test: 60 minutes
	○ Break: 5 minutes
	○ Writing & Language Test: 35 minutes
	○ Mathematics Test - No Calculator: 25 minutes
	○ Break: 5 minutes
	○ Mathematics Test - Calculator: 45 minutes
11:30-12:00 PM:	Preadministration Questions
12:05 PM:	Students will be dismissed for the day!

**Please note that this schedule will be different if your student is using testing accommodations due to an IEP or 504; their testing may run longer and you will receive a separate email from Mrs. McCane.

Still have questions? Please contact Mr. Arnolts or Mrs. Howse at (309) 378-2911, or farnolts@tri-valley3.org or ehowse@tri-valley3.org.