

PSATs @ PHS - October 11th

New PSAT vs New SAT vs ACT

How Are They Different?

New PSAT*

Timing

- 2 hours 45 minutes



Focus

- National Merit qualification

Structure

- Math (2 sections)
- Reading
- Writing
- No Essay

Scoring

- Composite score for all subjects
- Math accounts for 50% of score
- Top Score: 1600

Test Format

- 4 answer choices per question
- No penalty for wrong answers

Math

- Up to Algebra I, Geometry or Pre-Calculus, depending on Grade
- 2 sections; 1 calculator section, 1 no-calculator section



New SAT

Timing

- 3 hours
- +50 minutes for optional essay

Focus

- College-ready problem solving skills

Structure

- Math (2 sections)
- Reading
- Writing
- Essay Optional

Scoring

- Composite score for all subjects
- Math accounts for 50% of score
- Top Score: 1600

Test Format

- 4 answer choices per question
- No penalty for wrong answers

Math

- Up to Pre-Calculus
- 2 sections; 1 calculator section, 1 no-calculator section



ACT

Timing

- 3 hours
- +50 minutes for optional essay

Focus

- General reasoning

Structure

- Math
- Reading
- Writing
- Science
- Essay Optional

Scoring

- Average score across all subjects
- Math accounts for 25% of score
- Top Score: 36

Test Format

- 4 answer choices per question (5 for Math)
- No penalty for wrong answers

Math

- Up to Trigonometry



All 10th grade students are preregistered for PSATs, free of charge.

Any freshman or junior, that wish to take the PSATs, must see Mrs. Patton in M-115.

The cost for freshman and juniors is \$16, and must be received by Mrs. Patton

no later than 2:45 on Friday, September 22nd.

Checks, money orders, or exact cash is accepted.