

San Rafael High School



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Important Information for 10th and 11th Grade Students and Families!

Both high schools in the San Rafael City Schools High School District will administer the PSAT during the school day on Wednesday, October 16th to ALL students in grade 10 and to any interested students in grade 11. Students will not pay a fee for the exam. The PSAT Exam (or, “Pre-SAT”) is administered each year by the College Board, and it is intended to be used as an introduction to the type of testing environment students will encounter when they take the SAT Exam.

What is the PSAT?

The Preliminary SAT (PSAT) is a standardized test that provides first hand practice for the SAT. It also gives students a chance to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) programs (grade 11 only) and gain access to college career planning tools. The PSAT measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills. This test doesn’t require students to recall specific facts from their classes. Students will receive feedback on their strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. Students will learn how their performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college, become familiar with the kinds of questions and the exact directions they will see on the SAT.

When is the PSAT administered?

This year, the PSAT date is Wednesday, October 16, 2019. We will administer the exam to all 10th grade students. We will also administer to any 11th grade student who signed up for the exam through their Advisory Class (free of charge to all). Students in grade 9 and 12 will have a late start day along with students in grade 11 who chose not to participate in the exam. The Bell schedule for October 16th can be viewed [here](#).

Do students need to register for the exam or pay any fees?

The PSAT exam is being administered at no cost to all students in grade 10 and optional for students in grade 11. 10th Grade students are automatically signed up for the exam, and 11th grade students will sign up through their Advisory class.

Questions?

Parents and students may contact their counselor or assistant principal if they have any questions. Learn more about the PSAT at <http://www.collegeboard.org> and about the National Merit Scholarship Program at <http://www.nationalmerit.org/>.