

**Attention Juniors...**  
taking the October (PSAT)  
preliminary SAT/National Merit  
Scholarship Qualifying Test...



# PSAT Test Prep Course

Waukesha West High School  
Room C116

Saturday, October 9  
8:00am-Noon

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## What is the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT)?

The PSAT, also known as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is a verbal and math practice test to prepare for the SAT test generally taken in spring of your junior year. The test is used to determine eligibility for scholarships awarded by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The PSAT also helps you practice for the SAT, which is required for admission to some colleges and universities. The PSAT has all the question types and tests the same knowledge as the SAT; it's no easier, no harder. All techniques and strategies that apply to one test apply to the other. However, the PSAT has fewer sections, and it takes two hours and 10 minutes instead of the SAT's three hours and 40 minutes.

### The PSAT has five sections:

- Two 25-minute verbal sections consisting of 48 multiple-choice questions pertaining to sentence completion and critical reading – just like the SAT.
- Two 25-minute math sections consisting of 28 multiple-choice questions and 10 student-produced responses.
- One 30-minute writing skill section including 39 multiple-choice questions dealing with identifying sentence errors and improving sentences and paragraphs.



### Why take the PSAT?

The PSAT will give you valuable experience in learning how to deal with the pressure of taking a timed test. It will also allow you to become more comfortable with the way standardized tests are set up—the types of questions used, how they are phrased, etc. If you're planning to attend a college that requires the SAT, your PSAT scores will give you a general idea of what you can expect your SAT scores to be.

### How does the National Merit Scholarship Program use the PSAT?

The National Merit Scholarship Program uses the PSAT scores from your JUNIOR year as a way to determine if you are eligible for specific scholarships. Other organizations may use that junior year test as a qualifying score also. Check with your counselor for more specific information.

### When is the PSAT given?

Wednesday, October 13, 2010.

### Where and when do I sign up for the PSAT?

Sign up in Guidance by October 6.

### Who should take the exam?

Students who plan to apply to a four-year college or university, or any student wishing to enter the National Merit scholarship competition.

### Do I have to take the prep course?

No, but it is highly recommended. The stakes are too high to go in blindly. With preparation, you increase your chances of doing well.

### When can I expect my scores back?

Usually scores are sent to your high school in early December. The scores will be distributed to you along with an explanation booklet. You will receive two scores: a verbal evaluation and a mathematics evaluation. The scores range from 20 to 80. (These scores are meant to line up with the SAT scoring system of 200 to 800; just add a zero to your PSAT score to understand your potential SAT score.)

### Where can I get answers to other questions?

1. Call your high school counselor
2. Call Sid Truckenbrod at 262.255.9580 or [truclid@wi.rr.com](mailto:truclid@wi.rr.com)
3. Check [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
4. Check [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org)

### Does registering for this course also register me for the PSAT?

No. Register in the Guidance Office.