



# Malibu High School

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Dear MHS students and families,

Malibu High School will administer the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) on Friday, October 25 for all students in grades 9-11, cost covered by SMMUSD. The purpose of this testing administration is to give students practice for future SAT exams, as well as set students up for success as they start to think about their future plans after high school. Results from the PSAT can also help students:

- Understand their strengths, and what skills they need to work on
- Find their [AP® course potential](#)
- Explore personalized career insights aligned to their score.
- 11th grade students can use PSAT scores to Enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program if they meet program requirements specified in the PSAT/NMSQT [Student Guide](#).
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**MHS students in grades 9-11 are automatically registered to test on their school Chromebook on Friday, October 25.** MHS will be on a special bell schedule that day to allow time for testing in the morning. After testing, students will be dismissed for lunch, followed by enrichment activities in the afternoon, with normal 1:35 dismissal. During PSAT testing, 12th grade students will receive support with their college essays/applications.

The school counselors will be visiting English classes in grades 9-11 the week of October 7 to share information with students about test day as well as show students how to launch the testing app and access a test preview.

The PSAT tests reading/writing and math learned in high school. There is a built in calculator for the math portion embedded in the testing app

The following table shows the number of questions/time per section:

Section	Time	Number of questions
Reading/Writing	64 minutes	54
BREAK	10 minutes	-
Math	70 minutes	44

**On test day, students must arrive on time to their assigned testing room by 8:30 with a fully charged Chromebook.** For test security purposes, students will not be able to test if they show up late. With the exception of Chromebook, students will not be allowed to access phones, airpods, or other technology until lunch. **About 1 week before testing, student testing room assignments will be posted in the library, main office and cafeteria. Students should check the posting to see where they should report for testing BEFORE test day to avoid any delays.**

Watch this short video to see what to expect on test day:

9th grade: [What to expect with the digital PSAT 8/9](#)

10th/11th Grade: [What to expect with the digital PSAT/NMSQT](#)



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The PSAT is not tied to student grades, but all students should take it seriously and try their best! Please get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast on the morning of the exam. Please arrive with a fully charged Chromebook and on time.

Students will get an email from the College Board when their scores are available and counselors will visit classrooms to show students how to access and understand their PSAT score reports later in the school year. 11th grade students will take the school-day SAT in March- more information to follow later this year.

If there are any questions about PSAT please visit [College Board website](#) or contact your student's counselor.

Sincerely,  
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