

Testing in 2020

Local Assessments

- On August 21, Cohort A will be taking a local assessment
- On August 28, Cohort B will be taking a local assessment

- Grade 9 takes PSAT 9
- Grade 10 takes PSAT 10
- Grade 11 takes SAT
- Grade 12 no tests—no Friday class requirements

- These are not college qualifying tests. They are for information for your teachers and to practice for upcoming assessments
- Students are dismissed when finished, but busses run at normal times. One limited lunch will be served.
- We will announce and post testing classrooms.

Local Assessments Continued

- The local assessments are optional tests. There is no formal opt-out procedure.
- No make up test day will be scheduled if you are absent on test day.
- We strongly encourage you to take this test. It is good practice, you can see how you are doing, and we can provide you with information on how to improve.
- You haven't taken standardized test for over a year, so that is good practice.

PSAT NMSQT

- This test will be given to ALL juniors in the state of Colorado.
- Usually students have to sign up for this and pay a fee. We will register all juniors and the test will be free.
- This test is good practice for the SAT, and junior students are eligible for the National Merit Scholarship if they qualify.
- The test is scheduled for OCTOBER 14, 2020
- Schedules will go out as we get closer.

Colorado SAT

- Juniors were supposed to take the Colorado SAT (also called the School Day SAT) last Spring. It was cancelled.
- Seniors this year will have the chance to take this SAT for free.
- This is a college entry exam and students will have the choice to send scores to colleges if they wish.
- Students will have the opportunity to take the Essay portion of the SAT as well. If you don't know if you need it, check with the institutions to which you intend to apply.
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Tips for Testing

- These College Board tests have questions of different levels (levels 1-3).
- They do not necessarily build up from lowest to highest—they are mixed.
- If you find one question to be particularly difficult, skip it and come back later. Chances are there will be easier ones later. **DO NOT JUST GIVE UP ON THE TEST!**
- No penalty for guessing, so if you have to fill in bubbles at the very end, leave some time to do so!

Test taking strategies

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HM_9KkEaaY8
- The strategies in this video are relevant for all PSAT and SAT tests.

What to bring?

- Number 2 pencils
- Calculator
- Water bottle
- A body that has had a good breakfast and a good night's sleep