

# Palmer Ridge High School

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## Should my student take the PSAT, SAT, or CMAS?

Colorado has implemented state graduation guidelines for students in the Class of 2021 and beyond. Students must meet minimum requirements in both English and Math. These requirements are in addition to local school district graduation requirements. The SAT is one of a number of various state graduation guideline menu options. While the PSAT test is not one of the state graduation guideline menu options, its alignment to the SAT provides students and staff alike with invaluable data to determine if a student is on track to meet the Colorado State graduation guideline requirements, as well as indicating students' progress towards being college and career ready. PSAT data is used locally to inform curriculum and instructional decisions, but most importantly, it provides us with data to provide specific support to your child before taking the SAT as a junior and/or senior. If your child is a freshman or sophomore, please allow them to take the PSAT this spring.

PSAT 9, 10 are aligned to the 11th grade SAT college entrance exam, including the structure of the test and vertical score alignment from one test to the next.

- PSAT 10 scores and SAT scores can be used for scholarship applications.
- The SAT is a nationally-recognized College Entrance Exam recognized by all colleges, academies, and universities in the state of Colorado and around the nation.
- CMAS Science results create school and district performance frameworks, alignment of science contributes to the Colorado Academic Standards, and grant school district accreditation.