

We will be administering the PSAT on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 to all sophomores and juniors. We also have limited availability for freshmen who are enrolled in geometry or a higher level math class. All AVID 9 students will be taking the PSAT. We strongly encourage students to take the PSAT as it is the first step in preparing for the actual SAT.

Benefits of taking the PSAT

- though designed to be slightly easier than the SAT; the PSAT will familiarize you with SAT-type questions and give you firsthand experience taking a standardized test with a strict time limit.
- you will receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. You can then focus your preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study
- you will see how your performance on an admissions test compares with that of others applying to college
- there is no cost for the PSAT
- the PSAT can open doors for you to the colleges of your dreams. If you answer “yes” to the Student Search Service, you will receive informational packages from various colleges
- Juniors who take the PSAT may qualify for scholarship and recognition programs through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation

If your student is a freshman who is interested in taking the PSAT, please have him/her sign up in the guidance office by Wednesday, October 7th. There are 60 slots available on a first come, first serve basis.

All students need to bring two No. 2 pencils and a calculator—with acceptable calculators including four function, scientific, and graphing calculators. Calculators will not be provided for the test.