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Derby’s Assessment Schedule

➢ Grade 8: PSAT 8/9 Spring
➢ Grade 9: PSAT 8/9 Fall, Spring
➢ Grade 10: PSAT10 Fall, PSAT/NMSQT Spring
➢ Grade 11: PSAT/NMSQT Fall, SAT Spring (March 25)
➢ Grade 12: SAT and SAT Subject test registered through College Board (by choice) and ACT
What is the PSAT?

The PSAT is the practice “pre” test for the SAT exam.

★ The SAT exam has been used for decades as the standard academic measure for high school students.
What does the SAT measure?

The SAT exam is based on a scale of 1600 points - your PSAT score is an indicator of how well you would score on the actual SAT.

Your score indicates two areas that were assessed - Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing.
### Breakdown of PSAT & SAT scores

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<td>480</td>
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What is the PSAT/NMSQT?

The PSAT/NMSQT is the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

- Standardized test that 10th and 11th graders can take
- The PSAT is used to determine eligibility and qualification for the National Merit Scholarship Program as well as a practice test for the SAT’s.
- Scholarship eligibility for the state of CT criteria:
  - 740 (Reading & Writing)
  - 740 (Math)
  - Total score of 1480
PSAT QUICK FACTS

● The PSAT has three parts:
  ○ Reading (60 minutes, 47 questions)
  ○ Writing and Language (35 minutes, 44 questions)
  ○ Math (70 minutes, 48 questions)

● The PSAT is only given twice a year, usually on a Wednesday and a Saturday in October for those students not taking it at their local school.
SAT QUICK FACTS

- Administered 7 times a year in the U.S. at test centers
- As an Alliance District 100% of students the PSAT/SAT at no cost to parents. (AP exams as well)
- Students take the SAT for the first time in the spring of their junior year
- Most students pay a fee to take the SAT, but income-eligible students can take it for free with a fee waiver
- SAT connects your child to scholarship opportunities as well as to colleges that are looking for students like them
- Students are responsible for sending their scores electronically through their College Board account to colleges
What does my score mean?

Your score measures your college “readiness” in both subject areas.

- Moving target by grade
- Offers insight on personal strengths/areas of growth
## What Information Can I Get From My Score Report?

### Your Total Score

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| 4 | 2–8 |
| Analysts |

### Section Scores

| 1010 | 400–1600 |
| Your Total Score |

| 50th |
| Nationally Representative Sample Percentile |

| 36th |
| SAT User Percentile |

### Test Scores

| 22 | 10–40 |
| Reading |

| 27 | 10–40 |
| Writing and Language |

| 26.0 | 10–40 |
| Math |

### Cross-Test Scores | 10–40

- **24** Analysis in History/Social Studies
- **23** Analysis in Science

### Subscores | 1–15

- **6** Command of Evidence
- **9** Words in Context
- **8** Expression of Ideas
- **9** Standard English Conventions
- **8** Heart of Algebra
- **9** Problem Solving and Data Analysis
- **7** Passport to Advanced Math

You've met the benchmark.

You've scored below the benchmark.
I have my printed score report. Why should I go on the College Board site?

- **PRACTICE FOR THE SAT:** Send your scores to Khan Academy® for a free, personalized SAT practice plan based on your test results.
- **SEARCH FOR COLLEGES, MAJORS, AND CAREERS:** free tools to discover which colleges and programs are right for you.
- **QUALIFY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:** Use your PSAT/NMSQT score to access scholarships from National Merit Scholarship Corporation and others.
What Other Information Is Available to Me?

Full College Board Sample Score Report
How Do I Increase My Score?

The most obvious way to improve your score is to attend school regularly and to improve your academics here at DHS.

Additionally you may take the following action steps:

1. Create an account on College Board
2. Link to Khan Academy
   - Consistently practice the skills that have been identified as areas of weakness
3. Enroll in a SAT prep course
What Is Khan Academy?

- A non-profit educational organization with the goal of creating a set of online tools that help educate students.
- It produces short lessons in the form of YouTube videos.
How Do I Get A Khan Academy Account?

- You can create a free account by visiting KhanAcademy.org and clicking “Sign Up”
Linking your Khan Academy and College Board accounts

- SATpractice.org
- From your College Board account
What can an SAT Prep Course do for me?

1. Prepares students with the overall structure, format, and content of the SAT
   - ID weaknesses/strength areas
   - Set a score goal
   - Learn test strategies
   - Decrease anxiety on SAT day
   - Improve your test score
What kind of results do SAT prep courses offer?

Last year an SAT prep course was offered to DHS students in collaboration with Vin Madera.
What kind of results do SAT prep courses offer?

2018-2019 SAT Prep Course:

- 18 students enrolled in course
- Average PSAT score (Spring 2018): 943
- Average SAT score (Spring 2019): 1012
- Average growth of 69 points

Success Story: **Student A** utilized Khan Academy and enrolled in the SAT prep course. **Student A** started with a PSAT score of 670 (Oct. 2017) and ended with an SAT score of 1070 (Dec. 2019)
What SAT Score Do I Need To Get Into College?

❖ Every school has different admissions requirements
❖ SAT Scores are only one factor considered for admissions (GPA, class rank, extracurricular activities, etc)
❖ Community colleges do not require the SAT to be taken for acceptance, many job training programs do not require the SAT either.
❖ Connecticut state colleges (Western, Eastern, Central, Southern)
### Average Admitted SAT Range by College

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- **Student A**: 970-1040 = increase of 70 points
- **Student B**: 1050-1210 = increase of 160 points
- **Student C**: 1020-1080 = increase of 60 points
- **Student D**: 1210-1340 = increase of 130 points
Importance of PSAT
QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM RECOGNITION

34,000 Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise
16,000 Semifinalists. Semifinalists are the highest-scoring entrants in each state
15,000 Finalists. Semifinalists who meet academic and other requirements will be notified that they have advanced to Finalist standing
Importance of PSAT
QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM RECOGNITION
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

7,600 Merit Scholarship® winners.
  » National Merit® $2500 Scholarships
  » Corporate-sponsored scholarships
  » College-sponsored scholarships

1,100 Special Scholarship recipients.
SCSU MERIT SCHOLARSHIP (Full Ride Scholarship)

SAT
1150+
Can I Participate This Year?

● The course will be offered again this year. There will be two sessions - Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00 - 5:00 PM and 5:15 - 7:15 PM. Program will start in early February.

● Students are responsible for their own transportation.

● There is no cost to families for the program if students complete the course thanks to grant funding.
Save the Date!

CT SAT Day
March 25, 2019

● 43 school days away!

● We are looking for **Perfect Attendance** on 3/25 school-wide testing conditions to help students focus

● Post-test **breakfast and event**

**Grade 9 PSAT: April 22
Make up tests April 28/29**
SAT Score Data
How Am I Performing?

- For **9th grade**, the national average is 862, state average is 870 and our district average is 793.

- For **10th grade**, the national average 925, state average is 913 and our district average is 792.

- For **11th grade**, the national average is 1004, state average is 971 and the district average is 845.
What Is the District Doing About This?

- Launched an **Enrichment Program (LEAP)**
- **Instructional coaching** in Math at DHS with regional expert
- **Intensive intervention** and instructional support
- Fully funding **SAT Prep Course**
- Promoting **regular school attendance**
- BOE Sub committee **Student Support Services and new Curriculum Committee**
Next Steps: The Big Picture

- Have a plan - what do you want to do after high school?
- Have a conversation - speak with your parents/guardians, your counselor, your teachers about what your plan is.
- Set goals and achieve them!
- Visualize yourself in college. Visit schools or take virtual trips.

YouVisit Virtual Tour
Look for upcoming workshops

- Paying for College: Understanding the Financial Aid Process and the FAFSA
- Applying for College: The Common App
- Visiting Colleges