



High School News!

PSAT test

We are signing up all seniors, juniors and some sophomores to take this important practice test. PSAT stands for The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). It is a program cosponsored by the College Board and [National Merit Scholarship Corporation \(NMSC\)](#). The PSAT is a standardized test that provides first hand practice for the SAT®. It also gives students a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures:

- Critical reading skills
- Math problem-solving skills
- Writing skills

Students have developed these skills over many years, both in and out of school. This test does not require students to recall specific facts from their classes. Taking this test helps familiarize students with what they need to study for the SAT which they will take their senior year. It also helps put students in contact with colleges and scholarship information. The PSAT will be held at Kingston High School on October 12, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. and at North Kitsap High School October 15 at 7:45 a.m. Students should plan to spend about four hours in the test and should bring number two pencils and a calculator.

SAT test

What is the SAT? The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test that lets students show colleges what they know and how well they can apply that knowledge. It tests knowledge of reading, writing and math — subjects that are taught everyday in high school classrooms. Most students take the SAT during their junior or senior year of high school, and almost all colleges and universities use the SAT to make admission decisions.

Taking the SAT is the first step in finding the right college for students — the place where they can further develop their skills and pursue their passions. SAT scores are just one of many factors that colleges consider when making their admission decisions. High school grades are also very important. In fact, the combination of high school grades and SAT scores is the best predictor of a student's academic success in college.

The registration deadline for the SAT is October 7th and the test will be given on November 5th. The two closest locations for the test are the Poulsbo and Bremerton campus location. When registering for the test online at collegeboards.com students will be asked to choose their testing location. To register or for more information, go to <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>. The education department has SAT study guides to loan out and is helping students enroll in the test in the computer lab. Contact Julie Paddock, 394-8648 or jpaddock@suquamish.nsn.us for more information.