

March, 2019

Dear Parent:

On April 9, 2019, all Conant High School sophomores will be administered the PSAT 10 to measure their progress in the areas of reading, writing, language and math. The PSAT 10 is used as an indicator of individual students' areas for academic growth prior to taking the State-required Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) during junior year.

Test administration will begin at 8:15am and conclude at 1:15pm. Sophomores will be dismissed from school at that time. Students who require test accommodations beyond these times will have alternative transportation options. Buses will be available for those who normally use bus service to school and back according to their schedule.

The PSAT 10 assesses student knowledge in reading, writing and mathematics.

Component	Time Allotted (min.)	Number of Questions
Reading	60	47
Writing and Language	35	44
Math	70	48

More information about the PSAT 10 is available on the College Board website at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>.

Listed below are some ways you can assist your son or daughter in preparing for the tests.

1. Encourage your student to get plenty of sleep, especially the week of testing.
2. Encourage your son or daughter to eat a nutritious breakfast on the day of testing.
3. Your child should bring two number 2 pencils with good erasers and a calculator for use on certain parts of the test.

On April 10, Conant High School will administer the State-sponsored PSAT 9 to current freshmen. **Your child will not take this assessment and will not attend school on April 10.** I recommend your child pursue educational opportunities independently on these dates. These opportunities may include:

- Study and research to address class obligations
- College/university exploration or visits
- Business/industry visits and job shadowing
- Volunteer work

With your assistance, your child can turn these opportunities into valuable educational experiences. Please encourage your child to put forth his or her best effort on the PSAT 10 in order to demonstrate his/her true capabilities. For additional questions, please contact your student's school counselor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Nowak".

Julie Nowak
Principal