

March, 2019

Dear Parent:

On April 9, 2019, Conant High School will administer the State-required Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) to all juniors and the State-sponsored PSAT 10 to all sophomores. In order to accommodate facility needs and staff requirements to conduct these two assessments **freshman students will not attend school on Tuesday, April 9.**

I recommend your freshman child pursue educational opportunities independently on April 9. Please discuss these options with your child. With your assistance, your child can turn these opportunities into valuable educational experiences. These opportunities may include:

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

**On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, all freshmen will complete the state-sponsored PSAT 9.**

Test administration will begin at 8:15am and conclude at 11:55am. Freshmen 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 9 assesses student knowledge in reading, writing and mathematics.

Component	Time Allotted (min.)	Number of Questions
Reading	55	42
Writing and Language	30	40
Math	60	38

More information about the PSAT 9 is available on the College Board website at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>.

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.

Please encourage your child to put forth his or her best effort on the PSAT 9 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