

PSAT/NMSQT 2024

Each year, CHIREC administers the Digital PSAT 8/9 for students in Grades 8 and 9, and the Digital PSAT/NMSQT for students in Grades 10 and 11.

Please find the details for the 2024 test administration below:

Test Date	Saturday, 26th October 2024
Venue	CHIREC International School, Kondapur Campus
Time	8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Registration Deadline	31st August 2024
Registration Fee	PSAT 8/9 – INR 1,800/- PSAT/NMSQT – INR 2,100/-

Registrations for the PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 8/9 exams can be completed by paying the registration fee through the CHIREC MCB account.

Please find the payment links for the PSAT/NMSQT below:

PSAT 8/9: [Payment Link](#)

PSAT/NMSQT: [Payment Link](#)

PSAT/NMSQT (Digital):

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a standardised test administered by the College Board and co-sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation in the United States. It serves as both a primer for the SAT or ACT and as a tool for identifying National Merit Scholars and awarding merit scholarships, available only to US citizens. Students in Grades 10 and 11 are eligible to appear for this test.

Exam Format and Duration:

The PSAT will be administered digitally, comprising multiple-choice questions divided into two sections: (1) Math, and (2) Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (which includes a Reading Test and a Writing and Language Test). The exam duration is 2 hours and 15 minutes. Students should allocate approximately 3 hours in total, as test administration activities will require an additional 45 minutes.

Scoring and Results Timeline:

The PSAT/NMSQT is scored on a scale of 320-1520, with each section ranging from 160–760. Sub-scores are provided on a scale of 8-38, offering additional insights for students, educators, and counsellors. Scores are released 3-4 weeks after the exam administration.

How to Prepare for the Digital PSAT/NMSQT:

It is crucial to download the Bluebook app, which will be used to take both the digital PSAT/NMSQT and the digital SAT. To maximise the PSAT/NMSQT score for scholarship opportunities, it is recommended to take one or two full-length official practice tests on Bluebook before the actual exam. The practice test can guide PSAT/NMSQT test preparation similarly to how the PSAT/NMSQT directs SAT preparation.

Free SAT preparation resources are available on Khan Academy, which has been developed in partnership with the College Board: [Khan Academy SAT Prep](#)

A free practice test for the PSAT/NMSQT can be accessed through the Bluebook app. For more information, visit: [PSAT/NMSQT Practice](#)

For more details on the PSAT/NMSQT, visit: [PSAT/NMSQT Information](#)

For more information on the National Merit Scholarship Program, visit: [National Merit Scholarship](#)

PSAT 8/9 (Digital)

The PSAT 8/9 serves as a precursor to the PSAT/NMSQT and the SAT, helping to establish a starting point for college and career readiness as students transition to high school. The PSAT 8/9 can be taken by students in Grades 8 and 9.

Exam Format, Duration, and Scoring:

The exam consists of multiple-choice questions divided into two sections: (1) Math, and (2) Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. The test duration is 2 hours, with an additional 30-35 minutes required for test administration activities, making the total time approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Scoring and Results Timeline:

Scores are provided on a scale of 240 to 1440, with each section ranging from 120 to 720. The scale ranges from 6 to 36 for test and cross-test scores, offering insights for students, educators, and counsellors. Scores are released by mid-November.

For more information on the PSAT 8/9, visit: [PSAT 8/9 Information](#)

For details on the Digital PSAT 8/9, visit: [Parents' Guide to PSAT 8/9](#)

As of now, the College Board has authorised schools to plan and conduct the test. However, should there be any changes in the schedule, parents will be notified in advance. All necessary precautions and distancing norms will be followed during the test administration.

Please note that registration for these tests is optional and not compulsory.

Device Requirements:

Students must bring their own fully charged testing device with the Bluebook™ application installed, as the school will not be providing devices.

Bluebook™ can be run on a Windows or Mac device or an iPad.

It cannot be run on a mobile phone.

The device must be able to connect to Wi-Fi.

On the test day, the device must be fully charged and capable of remaining on for 3–4 hours. It is also recommended to bring the device's power cord or a portable charger, though access to an outlet might not be available.

For more details, visit: [Approved Devices](#)

For any further queries, please feel free to reach out to the counsellors below:

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