

Canyon Crest Academy

PSAT/NMSQT and PLAN Testing Information

Canyon Crest Academy will be offering this year both the PSAT/NMSQT and PLAN exams during school hours.

PSAT/NMSQT Administration Date: **Wednesday, October 13, 2010**
PLAN Administration Date: **Wednesday, November 17, 2010**

What are these exams and why should my student take them?

Both exams are powerful diagnostic tools and indicators of student achievement on the SAT and ACT exams, which are required as part of the application process for many colleges. These exams also provide schools and teachers valuable information to guide student preparation for SAT and ACT, make adjustments to instruction, and provide useful information to parents and guidance counselors regarding future education options.

The **PSAT/NMSQT** (commonly known as the Practice SAT) measures critical reading, verbal reasoning, math-problem solving and writing skills. The test has four 25-minute sections (two verbal and two math) and one 30-minute section (writing skills). When taking the PSAT/NMSQT as an 11th grade student, it also serves as the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Foundation.

The **PLAN** (commonly known as the Practice ACT) is composed of multiple-choice tests cover four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science. Tests range from 20 to 40 minutes in length. The PLAN also includes an in-depth interest inventory that provides detailed college and career guidance information to students, parents, and guidance staff.

When do students test?

Students in **grades 9, 10 and 11** will have the opportunity to take the PSAT exams in their **first period** classes on October 13th with a special bell schedule.

Students in grades 9 and 10 will have the opportunity to take the PLAN exam on November 17th at 8am, location TBA, however they may miss a portion of period 1 on this date depending on when testing officially begins. (November 17th is a late start day.)

To register for the tests, simply select PSAT and/or PLAN when completing the Finance Office Order Form during Readiness Days and submit the form along with check or cash **to the Finance Office located at the front of the CCA gymnasium.**

The donation for the exams is \$22 per exam.
Please make the check payable to: **SDUHSD-CCA.**