

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. Students in **grades 9, 10 and 11** will have the opportunity to take these exams on the dates below.

PSAT/NMSQT Administration Date: **Wednesday, October 14, 2009**

* PSAT is administered to all grade 9, 10 and 11 students in period 1 classes

PLAN Administration Date: **Tuesday, November 10, 2009**

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.

How do I register my student to ensure that there's a test waiting for them on test day?

To register for the PSAT, please visit the Finance Office located at the front of the CCA gymnasium and submit the donation by October 13. Students report to period 1 on test day and will take the exam in period 1 classes.

To register for the PLAN, complete a PLAN registration form (available on the CCA website under Academics > Testing) and submit to the Finance Office by October 1. Students will receive information on reporting location.

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