

TIS/CIR/75/24-25

**CIRCULAR**  
**Classes: IX & X (PSAT/NMSQT)**

21 January 2025

Dear Parents

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is an important step in helping students prepare for university. Administered by the College Board, the makers of the SAT (the SAT is a university admissions test taken by students as part of applications to universities in the U.S. and across the world), the PSAT is similar in format to the SAT. For most students, PSAT is the first real exposure to a standardized multiple-choice assessment.

**Benefits of taking the PSAT/NMSQT**

- Created by the makers of the SAT, it provides the best practice for SAT
- The Score Report provides a detailed performance review, helping students identify their strength/weakness areas and enabling them to adopt smarter and more effective strategies while preparing for SAT/other similar exams
- PSAT scores are not shared with universities, so it's a no-stress exam
- ***The 2025 PSAT has been redesigned to mirror the Redesigned SAT of 2026 and is hence the best way to familiarize oneself with the new SAT.***

The school will be conducting PSAT for classes IX & X in the month of April 2025. The registration fee for the same is ₹2000/- to be paid in cash to the school office by Friday, 31 January 2025 along with the duly filled consent form.

**Details about PSAT**

**When Should Students Take the PSAT/NMSQT?**

Students in India take the PSAT/NMSQT in Grades 9 and/or 10, and sometimes even in Grade 11. U.S. Citizens should be encouraged to take the PSAT/NMSQT in Grade 11 even if they have taken the test before, as their 11th Grade PSAT score makes them eligible for the NMSQT scholarship.

**Exam Format and Duration**

The PSAT is a multiple-choice assessment that tests a student's skills across Math and Evidence Based Reading and Writing. It is 2 hours and 45 minutes in length. It will be conducted in the month of April 2025.

**Preparing for the PSAT/NMSQT**

Coaching is NOT required/recommended for the PSAT. Students who wish to prepare can use free SAT prep resources (due to the SAT's close alignment with the PSAT/NMSQT) on Khan Academy's website ([www.khanacademy.org/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/sat)), developed in partnership with the College Board. A free PSAT sample test is available at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat-suite-assessments/practice/practice-tests> that students can use for practice.

**Is PSAT useful for students not interested in taking the SAT?**

Yes, even if students do not plan to take the SAT, the PSAT/NMSQT can offer very meaningful insights into a student's skills and abilities, and also help students prepare for other similar standardized/competitive exams for India and abroad.

**Why Take PSAT 10:** <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-10?navId=gh-pn10>

**Why Take PSAT 8/9:** <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat-suite-benefits-students-parents/why-take-psat/why-take-psat-8-9>

Warm regards

**MALLIKA PREMAN**  
**PRINCIPAL**

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**CONSENT FORM**  
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I \_\_\_\_\_ guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ of class & sec. \_\_\_\_\_ would like to register my ward for PSAT/NMQST test scheduled in the month of April 2025. I am hereby submitting the registration fee of ₹2000/-.

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Name of the parent

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Signature of the parent

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Date