



Dear Wheaton Academy Families,

At Wheaton Academy, one of our key outcomes is to help students acquire the knowledge, understanding, and wisdom for their life. A piece of this preparation is the **PSAT digital suite of tests**, which Wheaton Academy has administered to students since 2017.

Why digital?

The digital format offers a shorter test (about two hours), more time per question, shorter reading passages, and a built-in graphing calculator. Students also have access to practice tools through Bluebook and free [Official Digital SAT Prep on Khan Academy®](#).

Who will test?

- **Freshmen** – Digital PSAT 8/9
- **Sophomores & Juniors** – Digital PSAT/NMSQT
- **Seniors** – ACT (details in the WA Weekly)

Testing Day

On **Wednesday, October 22**, students in grades 9–11 will take the Digital PSAT. These exams measure essential skills for college success and provide several benefits:

- Show students their strengths and areas for growth.
- Offer free personalized practice through Bluebook and Khan Academy®.
- Provide online score reports to students and educators.
- Connect juniors to the National Merit Scholarship Program and other scholarship opportunities.
- Prepare juniors for the **All-School Digital SAT on April 15, 2026**.

Why it matters

Colleges accept both the ACT and SAT. Testing at Wheaton Academy allows students to explore which exam best highlights their abilities. WA now serves as a test center for both exams throughout the year.

How you can help your student:

- Emphasize the value of these tests in the college process.
- Encourage him/her to give their best effort.
- Remind them to use practice materials provided through advisory, Bluebook, and Khan Academy®.

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Schedule

Testing concludes around **11:00 a.m.**, and students will be dismissed afterward. While it's a shortened day, it is an important one for Wheaton Academy to guide student growth and for each student to prepare for future opportunities.

Thank you for your partnership in ensuring your student is rested, ready, and present on October 22. If you have any questions, please contact Student Services or Administration.

With appreciation,

Brad Thornton

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