

Lakeland Central School District

PSAT Registration Form

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT (please circle one):    CASH                    CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

Checks in the amount of **\$37** should be made out to: ***Lakeland Central School District***

Payment is due **Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. It may be dropped off or mailed to your respective high school at the following address:

Lakeland High School  
1349 E. Main Street  
Shrub Oak, NY 10588  
Attn: Guidance Dept. – PSAT

Walter Panas High School  
300 Croton Avenue  
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567  
Attn: Guidance Dept. – PSAT

**No late payments will be accepted. *This form must accompany payment.***

# **PSAT Test Date: October 17, 2020**

**Students arrive at 7:45 am, and the test begins at 8am at Lakeland High School.**

On test day, students bring 2 No. 2 pencils, a calculator and school ID or driver's license.

**Registration: \$37 check to Guidance by Friday, 10/2 (made payable to the Lakeland Central School District) along with the registration form. Payment may be mailed or dropped off. The test is recommended for all 11<sup>th</sup> graders and completely optional for 10<sup>th</sup> graders.**

**All students who register for the PSAT are advised to take a practice test prior to October 17<sup>th</sup>. A free practice test is available at:**

Practice Test: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>

## **What's on the PSAT?**

**The Reading Test: 60 minutes, 47 questions**

### **Quick Facts**

- All Reading Test questions are multiple choice and based on passages.
- Some passages are paired with other passages.
- Informational graphics, such as labels, graphs, and charts, accompany some passages – but no math is required.
- Prior topic-specific knowledge is never tested.
- The Reading Test is part of the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section.

### **What the Reading Test Is Like**

When you take the Reading Test, you'll read passages and interpret informational graphics. Then you'll use what you've read to answer questions.

Some questions ask you to locate a piece of information or an idea stated directly. But you'll also need to understand what the author's words imply. In other words, you have to read between the lines.

**The Writing and Language Test: 35 mins, 44 questions**

### **Quick Facts**

- All questions are multiple choice based on passages.
- Some passages are accompanied by information graphics, such as tables, graphs, and charts – but no math is required.
- Prior topic knowledge is never tested.
- The Writing and Language Test is part of the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section.

### **What the Writing and Language Test is Like**

To answer some questions, you'll need to look closely at a single sentence. Others require reading the entire piece and interpreting a graphic. For instance, you might be asked to choose a sentence that corrects a misinterpretation of a scientific chart or that better explains the importance of the data.

## **The Math Test: 25 mins, 17 questions/no calculator, + 45 mins., 31 questions/with a calculator**

### **Quick Facts**

- Most math questions will be multiple choice, but some- called grid-ins – ask you to come up with the answer rather than select the answer.
- The Math Test is divided into two portions: Math Test – Calculator and Math Test No Calculator.
- Some parts of the test include several questions about a single scenario.

### **Focus**

The Math Test will focus in depth on the three areas of math that play the biggest role in a wide range of college majors and careers:

- Heart of Algebra, which focuses on the mastery of linear equations and systems.
- Problem Solving and Data Analysis, which is about being quantitatively literate.
- Passport to Advanced Math, which features questions that require the manipulation of complex equations.

The Math Test also draws on Additional Topics in Math, including the geometry and trigonometry most relevant to college and career readiness.

**Standard Testing time, including breaks and filling in and identifying information at the start of the test is approximately 3 ½ hours.**

## **Why take the PSAT?**

**The PSAT is a good predictor of how an 11<sup>th</sup> grader will perform on the SAT. This can help direct initial college searches. It also provides detailed analysis of areas of strength and weakness (according to the test). The highest performing 11<sup>th</sup> graders may earn National Merit recognition or awards. For sophomores, the test can be used for those students seeking to become comfortable with standardized testing, PSAT scores are not seen by college or used for admissions purposes.**