

PSAT — 8-MONTH SYLLABUS

2 Classes per Week • 8 Months • Approximately 64 Classes

Course Length	8 Months
Class Frequency	2 classes per week
Approx. Total	64 classes (8 months × 8 weeks)
Course Level	PSAT / Digital PSAT
Focus	Reading & Writing • Math • Grammar • Problem Solving • Timing • Test Strategy

MONTH 1 • PSAT Foundations & Diagnostic Skills

- Week 1 — Class 1: PSAT format, digital test structure and scoring. | Class 2: Diagnostic test and personalized skill analysis.
- Week 2 — Class 1: Reading comprehension foundations and main ideas. | Class 2: Central ideas, evidence and passage structure.
- Week 3 — Class 1: Grammar foundations: sentence boundaries, fragments and run-ons. | Class 2: Punctuation and sentence structure.
- Week 4 — Class 1: Number sense, ratios, percentages and proportional reasoning. | Class 2: Linear equations and basic PSAT Math strategies; assessment.

MONTH 2 • Reading & Writing: Information & Craft

- Week 5 — Class 1: Inference and textual evidence. | Class 2: Words in context and rhetorical meaning.
- Week 6 — Class 1: Author's purpose, tone and rhetorical choices. | Class 2: Comparing claims, viewpoints and evidence.
- Week 7 — Class 1: Transitions and logical organization. | Class 2: Concision, precision and effective expression.
- Week 8 — Class 1: Sentence placement and paragraph organization. | Class 2: Reading & Writing timed module practice and review.

MONTH 3 • PSAT Math: Algebra & Linear Functions

- Week 9 — Class 1: Solving linear equations and inequalities. | Class 2: Equations with fractions, decimals and variables on both sides.
- Week 10 — Class 1: Linear functions, slope and rate of change. | Class 2: Tables, graphs and equations.
- Week 11 — Class 1: Systems of equations. | Class 2: Systems applications and word problems.
- Week 12 — Class 1: Linear models and interpreting parameters. | Class 2: Timed Math module, error analysis and assessment.

MONTH 4 • Advanced Reading & Writing + Data Analysis

- Week 13 — Class 1: Data interpretation in Reading & Writing. | Class 2: Tables, graphs and evidence-based questions.
- Week 14 — Class 1: Rhetorical synthesis and notes questions. | Class 2: Comparing sources and selecting relevant evidence.
- Week 15 — Class 1: Advanced transitions and logical relationships. | Class 2: Agreement, modifiers, pronouns and verb forms.
- Week 16 — Class 1: Punctuation, colons, semicolons and commas. | Class 2: Full Reading & Writing practice and assessment.

MONTH 5 • PSAT Math: Advanced Math & Problem Solving

- Week 17 — Class 1: Quadratic equations and factoring. | Class 2: Quadratic graphs, roots and transformations.
- Week 18 — Class 1: Exponents and exponential functions. | Class 2: Growth, decay and interpreting exponential models.
- Week 19 — Class 1: Polynomials and algebraic expressions. | Class 2: Rational expressions and equations.
- Week 20 — Class 1: Nonlinear equations and function problems. | Class 2: Advanced Math timed practice and assessment.

MONTH 6 • PSAT Math: Geometry, Trigonometry & Data

- Week 21 — Class 1: Lines, angles, triangles and similarity. | Class 2: Pythagorean theorem and right triangles.
- Week 22 — Class 1: Circles, arcs, chords and area. | Class 2: Coordinate geometry and distance/midpoint.
- Week 23 — Class 1: Basic trigonometry and special right triangles. | Class 2: Area, volume and composite figures.
- Week 24 — Class 1: Statistics, mean/median, spread and probability. | Class 2: Data analysis, practice test and assessment.

MONTH 7 • Mixed Practice, Timing & Test Strategy

- Week 25 — Class 1: Mixed Reading & Writing practice set. | Class 2: Error log and targeted grammar review.
- Week 26 — Class 1: Mixed Math practice set. | Class 2: Calculator strategy, Desmos techniques and efficient solving.
- Week 27 — Class 1: Timing strategies and question triage. | Class 2: Eliminating choices and avoiding common traps.
- Week 28 — Class 1: Full digital PSAT practice test. | Class 2: Detailed score analysis and individualized remediation.

MONTH 8 • Final PSAT Review & Exam Preparation

- Week 29 — Class 1: Reading & Writing high-frequency concepts review. | Class 2: Timed Reading & Writing modules.
- Week 30 — Class 1: Math high-frequency concepts review. | Class 2: Timed Math modules and targeted practice.
- Week 31 — Class 1: Full-length PSAT practice test. | Class 2: Error analysis and final skill reinforcement.
- Week 32 — Class 1: Final strategy, pacing and confidence preparation. | Class 2: Final mixed practice, formula review and exam-day plan.

Assessment & PSAT Preparation

Component	Recommended Approach
Every Class	Warm-up • concept instruction • worked examples • timed practice • strategy review
Weekly	Targeted homework/practice and error-log updates
Monthly	Timed section/module assessment with score tracking
Mid-Course	Full digital PSAT practice test after Month 4
Final Month	Multiple full-length practice tests, detailed error analysis and exam-day strategy

Learning Outcomes

- Read efficiently and identify central ideas, supporting evidence, purpose and logical relationships.
- Use standard English conventions accurately, including boundaries, punctuation, grammar and usage.
- Analyze transitions, rhetorical synthesis, words in context and evidence-based questions.
- Solve linear equations, inequalities, systems and functions efficiently.
- Apply quadratic, exponential and polynomial concepts to PSAT Math problems.
- Use geometry, trigonometry, statistics and probability in applied problems.
- Interpret tables, graphs and quantitative information in both sections.
- Use the digital calculator/Desmos strategically when appropriate.
- Develop pacing, elimination, guessing and question-triage strategies.
- Track errors systematically and improve performance through targeted practice.

Pacing Note

This plan is designed for two classes per week over eight months. Practice intensity can be increased as the PSAT date approaches, with greater emphasis on timed modules, full-length practice tests and individualized error analysis.