**Original question:**

**On PSAT Day all of our sophomores and juniors test.  Our seniors have the option of a college visit, job shadow, or community service.  We've tried various planned activities for our freshmen (some career-related, some not).**

**For those of you who have a similar PSAT Day,**

**1.  What do you do with your sophomores and juniors at the completion of the PSAT?  This year we had a convocation, but it was too much "sitting" for them after such a long test.**

**2.  What activities do you do with your freshmen?**

**We are always looking for ways to improve.**

**Responses:**

1.       We go back to our regular school schedule for the remainder of the day.  It is not perfect and we are definitely trying  to find a better plan (testing never ends when it is supposed to end).

2.       In the past, we took our freshmen to our career center to see the programs offered over there (culinary arts, collision repair, Project Lead the Way etc).  We also, at that time, offered some sort of test for families who paid (PSAT 8/9, Engage etc).  This year we did the PreACT for all freshmen so it was a testing environment for the entire school (seniors were doing the college visit/ shadow/ community service deal).

Our freshman take the PSAT 8/9, so everyone in the building is testing in the a.m. because our seniors have similar options to yours. After the PSAT, we have an altered schedule and students go to lunch and two of their Gold Day classes.

we took all sophomores and juniors on a short college visit day in the afternoon! it was a good mental break for them.

I'm curious how you keep track of the seniors and if they are actually doing one of those three activities. How do you do that? Our administration is always worried about the kids getting in trouble or us being liable for something that happens if they aren't at school.

We do a Manufacturing Day field trip for our freshmen. They tour three different workplaces in the community and see what's available locally. Some of our freshmen take the PSAT.

We have done an extended break and lunch, and then we had speakers half the time and then some classroom assignments with their homeroom teacher for the other half. I’m interested in hearing the replies you get! This has been a frequent discussion for us every fall and spring.

We have all of our seniors and freshmen go on a ½ day field trip. Then resume a normal school day after lunch and testing.

We actually test grades 9-11 and allow the seniors to do similar activities that you have listed. At the conclusion of testing, we actually have students attend the last two periods of the day. We have done this for two years now and it has worked out nicely.

Meek have a similar day very year. Our seniors take ASVAB while others take PSAT. Last year for our freshman, we started taking them on field trips to Hoosier Hills to give them the chance to see what it’s all about and hopefully spark interest for some. Since it takes about half the day, we hold afternoon classes like normal but most teachers use it as a catch up day or movie day due to testing and because many have missed the morning classes and want to keep all class sections on the same schedule.

If you get responses with other ideas we would love to hear those as well as we are constantly looking for ways to improve.

Our freshmen went to tour our local vocational school for the day.  Our seniors had a 'boot camp' in the morning along with a job fair.  We had a "regular" afternoon schedule of classes after lunch.

Currently we send 10th and 11th grade back to class after testing. We are considering doing some sort of activity or convo, but nothing planned yet.

This year, we had all of our freshmen out on a field trip. We have a push in our district to increase employees for our local employers. We have a high manufacturing area and they need employees. Our vocational director secured multiple facilities to participate and we took the whole grade on tours. We have 150 kids in that grade and separated them into groups of 25 and rotated tours throughout the day. Most kids aren’t interested in those jobs right now, but they were 45 min stops and they got to walk around and we had zero issues. Next year, I’m hoping to make some minor changes to how we do lunches, but other than that, it was a good day. Some kids didn’t want to go, but when I called parents, they were very supportive. Maybe Hoosier Hills could organize something similar for you.

We had our 9th grade testing on NEWA while the PSAT was going on. We spoke about using PIVOT, Khan Acadmey, or IN Career Explorer too...

We have our freshmen take the PSAT 9.  College Board gives schools a discount if you enter into a contract with them for taking the PSAT 9 and multiple administrations on the same day.  We alter our schedule for the day so once students are done they go to the second half of their school day.  Hope this helps.

We test our freshmen with the PSAT 8/9.  Our seniors have a college visit day.  We then take a half day and dismiss everyone after testing.  No lunch is served.

This year we gave the PSAT 8/9 to all of our freshman on the same day.  Our seniors went to our 2 elementary schools and were paired with a teacher whom they helped all day.  The elementary teachers and principals said it was a great day.  In the afternoon, our PE staff (3) divided up our students by homerooms and they did team building games/activities with them.  They also showed a Ted Talks video(did not go to that group).

We also had a cookout, which due to the weather we had to have the students eat inside.

For the most part, it worked out pretty well.

My freshmen all go to a college visit and my seniors take the ASVAB while the juniors and sophomores take the PSAT.

1.  We attend regular classes the rest of the day.  For us that means we test periods 1-4 and then students attend 5-7.

2. This year we took all of our freshman on College and Career Experiences.  We visited 17 different locations around central Indiana and beyond.  It was awesome!

Tipton High School is a rural school between Indy and Kokomo. We are a block four schedule. [Profile](http://www.tcsc.k12.in.us/general-information/school-profile/file)

Testing began at 8:00 am (when our school day starts).

Freshmen had a three-part convo: Ivy Tech met with 1/3 of group for a career assessment; 1/3 had snacks, asked questions of our vocational school programs in lobby; 1/3 listened/participated in National Guard climbing wall. Switched groups every  45 minutes.

Senior choices - bused students for a college visit to Ivy Tech or IUK OR stay in cafeteria to work on college/scholarship applications.

Testing was completed by lunch, then ran a special schedule for all classes.

This is what we did this year.

Seniors=were divided up into 4 groups & sent out to do a service project with 2 teacher chaperones to our 3 local towns and golf course. They were back by 11:45 for lunch, then we had periods 5, 6 & 7.

Juniors & Sophomores=PSAT testing, lunch, then had periods 5, 6 & 7

Freshman=JA in a day...junior achievement came in and did a program with them all day.

It was pretty successful I thought, especially for our seniors. Next year we will do the same thing only plan a college visit for freshman. This was the first year we ever did anything like this.

Our freshman took the PACT at the same time as the sophomores and juniors took the PSAT. Our seniors were assigned some "tasks" in Naviance to complete, but they were allowed to do that at home if they chose too (if they needed to ride the bus we had a supervised area for them to come). If they stayed home, they were told they needed to report to school by 11:15. After the test, we had an adjusted bell schedule (followed our 2 hour delay schedule) and all students went to lunch/afternoon classes for the rest of the day.

We run a "testing" day.

Our juniors take Accuplacer.  Our sophomores take PSAT.  Our freshman take their Pivot testing for Math and English for the quarter.  Our seniors have a senior announcement day, class picture, and a special breakfast sponsored by our graduation announcements people and the class.

We run on a two hour delay schedule.  Our PSAT students miss first and second period on that schedule.  Those testing rooms are on one wing of the building.  This allows us to keep the hallway quiet during passing periods.  We use teachers that have prep periods or all sophomore classes to facilitate those tests.

We showed a Netflix movie called "Girl Like Her" to our Freshmen. We then had a follow-up discussion about bullying. Our Army recruiter came in to talk about bullying then our National Guard recruiter came to talk about student success. Our seniors took the ASVAB. We are on a block schedule so by the time the PSAT was over, it was third period and we went on about our "normal" day.