



Dear Parent/Guardian:

On October 12th, all 10th grade students will have the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT at their designated home school. This test is only offered on-campus in-person with no virtual option. Normally there would be a small fee to take the test, but the Georgia Department of Education is covering the cost of the test for all 10th graders. The test at WHS will begin promptly at 8:30am. The test will run about 2 hours and 45 minutes, concluding around noon.

The PSAT test includes reading, writing and language, and math. The test measures the student's college and career readiness. It is part of the SAT Suite of Assessments. Scores for the PSAT use the same scale as the SAT, so the PSAT will give you information on how your child would perform on the SAT if they took it this year.

The benefits of taking the PSAT in 10th grade include:

- Free online access to Khan Academy where SAT practice is tailored to the strengths and weaknesses of the individual student based on their PSAT results.
- Preparation for additional secondary courses they will take through the remaining portion of their academic career as well as identifying Advanced Placement and Honors coursework opportunities.
- Preparation for retaking the PSAT/NMSQT in 11th grade and competing for college scholarships. Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT in 11th grade may enter the National Merit Scholarship Program. Other agencies also use the PSAT to identify students who may be eligible for their scholarships. These scholarships amount to nearly \$160 million every year.
- Preparation for taking the SAT, a college entrance exam. Historically, students who have taken the PSAT score higher on the SAT on average than those who don't take the PSAT. For specific information about the test, consult the [PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide](#) and the Parent Presentation [PSAT Parent Presentation](#)

Students are encouraged to bring their own calculator on the day of the test; both scientific and graphing calculators are allowed. Additionally, we would like for students to bring at least two #2 pencils, hand sanitizer and Kleenex. This will limit the number of items being passed from person to person.

All 10th grade students are already registered to take the test. Registration is now closed for 11th grade students wishing to take the PSAT.

If you have questions about the PSAT/NMSQT assessment, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Jameel Howard at Jameel.howard@henry.k12.ga.us or Dr. Lydia Williams at Lydia.williams@henry.k12.ga.us.

Sincerely,

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