

NESHAMINY HIGH SCHOOL – 2020 PSAT

WHAT: The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)

WHEN: Saturday, October 17, 2020

TIME: 8:00am – 11:30am* (*approximation)

Students should arrive no later than 7:30am

WHERE: Neshaminy High School

BRING: Students must bring **Photo ID on the day of the exam**, (2) #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils are allowed), an approved calculator (see the College Board website for a list of approved calculators), and all students will be **required to wear a Face Mask** throughout the entire exam.

DEADLINE: Monday, October 5, 2020 (late registrations will be accepted only if seats are available)

REGISTRATION: Registration for the 2020 PSAT Exam will take place **online**. Visit www.TotalRegistration.net/PSAT/392145 to register. To complete registration, students must answer all of the required questions. Registration is not complete until you have printed the pdf of the confirmation page that is provided at the end.

If you have any questions, contact the Neshaminy High School Counseling Department at 215-809-6101.

COST: \$17.00 payable online with a debit or credit card or by mailing a check to Total Registration

(Please **DO NOT** mail checks to NHS, checks **MUST** be mailed to Total Registration.)

Checks should be made payable to **Total Registration, LLC & Mailed to PO Box 398, Eldorado Springs, CO 80025**. Include your Reference Number in the memo section of the check & the payment stub that you will receive when your registration is completed online.

What is the PSAT/NMSQT?

The PSAT/NMSQT measures critical thinking skills that are important for success in college, including critical reading, math problem-solving and writing skills. Taking the PSAT/NMSQT enables students to:

- get feedback about critical academic skills
- seek information from colleges
- enter scholarship competitions
- practice for the SAT Reasoning Test
- Qualify for the National Merit Scholarship and Achievement Scholarships Junior year.

The **PSAT is an excellent opportunity** to focus on what you must know by your junior year. It provides experience for a national standardized timed test. Scores are not held against you. PSAT only counts when taken as a junior, but sophomores and freshmen are encouraged to take the PSAT for experience.

Why should I take the PSAT/NMSQT?

The PSAT/NMSQT lets you compare your ability to other college-bound students and give you practice for taking the SAT because both have the same kinds of questions and similar scoring. Taking the PSAT/NMSQT helps you plan for college. You can get an idea of how you will do on a college admissions test and can find colleges that seek students like you.

In January, your PSAT/NMSQT Score Report will be returned to you. Your score report will include your critical reading, math, and writing skills scores; score ranges; percentiles; and Selection Index (critical reading + math + writing skills scores), which NMSC uses as an initial screen of the large number of entrants to its competitions. Your score report will show the correct answers, your answers, difficulty level of each questions, math content involved, and skills that need strengthening.

The PSAT Scores may help students:

- assess his/her ability to do college work
- firm up college plans with parents
- predict his/her college entrance exams scores for the (SAT)
- become familiar with the testing format of the SAT
- receive materials for college through the Student Search Service of the College Board
- Qualify for the National Merit Scholarship and Achievement Scholarships Junior Year