

- PSAT/NMSQT

- The PSAT/NMSQT is a program cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The PSAT is a voluntary standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT. It also gives JUNIORS a chance to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Students are encouraged to take the PSAT/NMSQT because it is the best preparation for the SAT. Students who take the test in 11th grade and meet other program requirements may enter the National Merit Scholarship program. All students who take the PSAT/NMSQT will receive an official score report. They will receive scores in critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills and will see how their scores compare to those of other students across the country.
- Typically, students take the PSAT/NMSQT in grade 11. It is also beneficial for younger students to take the test to get a head start on improving academic skills needed for success in college and beyond. The test is open to all 9th, 10th and 11th grade students. Another advantage is the test taker will receive the test booklet back with their score report to review mistakes and prepare for future tests.
- Classroom learning is the basis for test questions, so the best way students can prepare is by taking rigorous courses and becoming familiar with the test and its format. Students will receive an Official Guide the week of September 25th that provides useful information, including a full length practice test. Students may also visit www.collegeboard.org/psatpractice for additional practice.
- PSAT/NMSQT scores are not sent to colleges as it is a practice test.
- Students can take the test only once a year but there is no limit to how many years a student may participate. It is important that 11th grade students take the test as it is the only way to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Score reports are typically sent to high schools in mid to late December. Schools will notify students regarding when, where and how to get their individual reports.

- The test will be offered on Saturday, October 14th, 2017 from 7:45 AM until approx 11:45 AM at Craig High School. Students can meet in the front foyer of Craig for room assignments.
- Parents/students can pay for the test the week of September 18th-September 22nd, 2017. NO EXCEPTIONS. Fee payment is available on the parent portal of Infinite Campus. There is an “optional” drop down box for test payment. The fee is \$16.00 and can be paid by echeck, Visa, MasterCard or Discover. If paying by cash, the fee collectors are available in the Cougar Den at the following times:
 - Monday, Thursday, Friday 11:30-12:52
 - Tuesday, Wednesday 11:00-1:05
- Fee waivers are available for students that are enrolled in the Federal free or reduced lunch program. Please see Mrs. Osmond in the Student Center regarding a fee waiver.

• Any questions please see Mrs. Osmond
in the Student Center