



# August 26, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our school will be conducting an administration of the PSAT exam on *Wednesday, October 16, 2019*. It is important for you to consider having your 9<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grader participate in this assessment. The cost is \$17.

The PSAT includes verbal, math, and writing tests and serves as a predictor of performance on SAT or ACT. For **11**<sup>th</sup> **grade students** it is the exam that The College Board uses to qualify students for the National Merit Scholarship. It also provides school counselors with information to identify students who are ready for Advanced Placement classes. Overall, it serves to encourage students to start thinking about going on to college following graduation from high school.

New! PSAT Math has been adopted by the State as a comparative score for the Algebra 1 End of Course Exam (EOC) graduation requirement. This means that obtaining a score of 430 on PSAT Math would allow your son/daughter to graduate even if he/she does not pass the State FSA Algebra 1 EOC.

Your child is not obligated to take the PSAT. <u>If you want your son or daughter to take the PSAT, please</u> check the box below, sign and return this form to the front office by September 25, 2019, and include a check for \$17 made out to OHS along with your student's name in the memo.

There are a limited number of tests available, students will be assigned by a first come first serve basis.

I want my child to take the PSAT on Wedne	esday, October 16, 2019.
Payment Amount of \$17.00 Cash or (	Check #
Student's First & Last Name [please print]	
Parent or Guardian Signature	 Date





The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) is a powerful step to college and career opportunity. By focusing on the knowledge eand skills that evidence shows matter most for college and career readiness, the PSAT/NMSQT provides students with valuable feedback and tools to help them reach their college and career goals.

### Benefits of the PSAT/NMSQT®

## Free SAT® Practice Powered by Khan Academy

Students receive a unique SAT® practice plan based on their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT that features:

- + Personalized online practice tailored to their strengths and weaknesses.
- + SAT practice questions and full-length tests.
- + Detailed feedback on their progress. Visit **khanacademy.org/sat** to learn more.

### **Access to College/Career Planning Resources**

Students' PSAT/NMSQT results will connect them to valuable resources that include:

- + An interactive PSAT/NMSQT score report that includes detailed answer explanations to help them practice for the SAT.
- + A detailed personality test to help students identify their interests and find majors and careers that are a good fit.
- + Tools allowing students to search for and explore colleges, majors, scholarships, and more on bigfuture.org.

#### **Connect with Colleges**

When your child takes the PSAT/NMSQT, he or she can say "Yes" to the Student Search Service. By participating, your child can receive free information about admission and financial aid from colleges, universities, and scholarship programs.

**2019 PSAT/NMSQT Test Date:** Wednesday, October 16 at 7:00am (room assignments will be posted outside of the cafeteria)

#### **Get Started**

Over 3.8 million students are already proving their skills and expanding their futures with the PSAT/NMSQT. Your child should:

- All 10<sup>th</sup> Grade students are scheduled for this free test and are expected to take the test.
- Visit **khanacademy.org/sat** to start practicing for the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT.
- Your student has been provided a copy of the *Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT*, which contains a full-length practice test. This practice test can also be found online at **collegeboard.org/psatpractice.**

The PSAT is a lengthy test, lasting approximately three and a half hours. Students are encouraged to get plenty of rest the night before the test and to eat a healthy breakfast that morning to ensure test readiness. All students taking the exam should come prepared with two No. 2 pencils an approved calculator and their home address.

After testing, students will follow their regular class schedule for the remainder of the day. Buses will run at their regularly scheduled times. If you have any questions, please contact a Counselor.