

# PSAT 2019

**Date:** Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:** \$25.00 (FCPS will cover the cost of the PSAT for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students)

**Location:** Paul Laurence Dunbar Gym

**Time:** 1st Block- 8:35

## How do students register for the PSAT?

- Students must register online using Total Registration. The Total Registration link can be found on the PLD homepage or directly at [www.totalregistration.net/PSAT/181440](http://www.totalregistration.net/PSAT/181440)
- Registration begins **Tuesday, September 3rd at 8:00AM and ends Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:59PM.**
- Late registration will require payment of a **\$20 late fee** and will end **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:59PM.** **No additional orders will be accepted after Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.**
- A limited number of exams have been ordered, so please complete your registration promptly to assure a test is available.

## About PSAT/NMSQT

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a program cosponsored by the College Board and the [National Merit Scholarship Corporation \(NMSC\)](http://www.nmsc.org). It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT<sup>®</sup>. **It also gives you a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.**

## Why should students take the PSAT?

- **Any student interested in applying for Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) should take the PSAT during their sophomore or junior year.**
- Receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. You can then focus your preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice.
- See how your performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college.
- Enter the competition for scholarships from NMSC (grade 11).
- Help prepare for the SAT. You can become familiar with the kinds of questions and the exact directions you will see on the SAT.
- Receive information from colleges when you check "yes" to Student Search Service.

## What's on the Test

The PSAT/NMSQT includes five sections:

- Two 25-minute critical reading sections
- Two 25-minute math sections
- One 30-minute writing skills section

<b>Critical Reading</b> Two 25-minute critical reading sections = 48 questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 13 <a href="#">Sentence completions</a></li><li>• 35 <a href="#">Critical reading</a> questions</li></ul>	<b>Math *</b> Two 25-minute math sections = 38 questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 28 <a href="#">multiple-choice math questions</a></li><li>• 10 Student-produced responses or <a href="#">grid-ins</a></li></ul>	<b>Writing Skills **</b> One 30-minute writing section = 39 questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 14 <a href="#">Identifying sentence errors</a></li><li>• 20 <a href="#">Improving sentences</a></li><li>• 5 <a href="#">Improving paragraph</a> questions</li></ul>
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\* Students are advised to bring a calculator. Students should have basic knowledge of 4 math categories: Numbers and Operations, Algebra and Functions, Geometry and Measurement, Data Analysis, Statistics and Probability

\*\* These multiple-choice questions on writing skills measure a student's ability to express ideas effectively in standard-written English, to recognize faults in usage and structure, and to use language with sensitivity to meaning.

Follow this link to get information about preparing for the PSAT and take practice exams.

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/prep.html>

## **Scholarships & Recognition**

By taking the PSAT/NMSQT, you may qualify to enter the competitions for prestigious scholarships and participate in recognition programs. As cosponsor of the PSAT/NMSQT, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation receives all students' scores.

### **National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC)**

Students in the eleventh grade of high school enter NMSC competitions by taking the PSAT/NMSQT, which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year, and by meeting published program entry and/or participation requirements. NMSC uses the Selection Index score (the sum of the critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills scores) on the PSAT/NMSQT as an initial screen of program entrants and to designate groups of students to be honored in the competitions it conducts. These competitions include the National Merit Scholarship and the National Black Achievement Scholarship. For more information about NMSC, visit [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org).

### **National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP)**

Our National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) was initiated in 1983 to identify outstanding Hispanic/Latino high school students and to share information about you with interested colleges and universities. In order to be eligible, you must be at least one-quarter Hispanic/Latino as defined by the NHRP, meet the minimum PSAT/NMSQT cutoff score for your state, and achieve a minimum grade point average (GPA) requirement. (Note: This program is not conducted by NMSC.)

### **National Scholarship Service (NSSFNS)**

The NSSFNS offers a free college advisory and referral service for students who plan to attend two-year or four-year colleges. Scores are sent for students in eleventh grade who indicate that they are African American. (Note: This program is not conducted by NMSC.)

For more information, write to:

National Scholarship Service  
980 Martin Luther King Drive, SW, PO Box 11409  
Atlanta, GA 30310

### **Still have questions?**

Contact [kendra.tackett2@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:kendra.tackett2@fayette.kyschools.us) for any additional PSAT questions.