

2021 PSAT/NMSQT

Date: Wednesday, October 13

Cost: Free – FCPS will cover the cost for 10th and 11th grade students

Location: Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
Gymnasium

[Register Here until Friday, September 3 at 11:59 PM](#)

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). The standardized test provides firsthand practice for the SAT. Additionally, the standardized test 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 KY Governor’s Scholar Program (GSP) should take the PSAT
- 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 National Merit Scholarship Corporation (11th grade only)
- Help prepare for the SAT. You can become familiar with the kinds of questions and the directions you will see on the SAT
- Receive information from colleges when you check “Yes” to Student Search Service

What’s on the test?

Critical Reading	Math	Writing Skills
Two 25-minute critical reading sections = 48 questions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13 Sentence completions• 35 Critical reading questions	Two 25-minute math sections = 38 questions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 28 multiple-choice math questions• 10 Student-produced response or grid-ins	One 30-minute writing section = 39 questions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14 Identifying sentence errors• 20 Improving sentences• 5 Improving paragraph questions

[Access PSAT Prep and Practice Tests here.](#)

[National Merit Scholarship Corporation \(NMSC\)](#) Students in the 11th grade 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 competition it conducts.

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