



August 10, 2021  
Dear Parents/Guardians:

The St. Johns County School District's high schools will be administering the PSAT/NMSQT test to all 10th grade students free of charge on October 13, 2021.

Listed below are some reasons why your student should consider taking the PSAT/NMSQT:

- Grade 10 pre-college testing provides a basis to increase college participation.
- The PSAT is an indicator for performance on the SAT.
- PSAT includes verbal, mathematics, and writing components; it is used as a diagnostic tool to measure strengths and weaknesses for both students and curriculum.
- The PSAT helps assess academic skills necessary for college-level work.
- For students in grade 11 the PSAT/NMSQT is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Students who meet the cut score are National Merit Semi-Finalists and can apply for Finalist status. National Merit Finalists in the State of Florida receive a full cost of attendance at any Florida State University.
- The PSAT is also concordant score for Algebra I EOC.
  - A score of 430 in the PSAT Math is required.

Any 10th grade parent that does not wish for their student to take the PSAT/NMSQT test on October 13 must sign **this** letter and have the student return it to Ms. Messenger in Panther Hall Rm 225 prior to September 8, 2021.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Messenger  
Allen D. Nease High School, Testing Coordinator

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Print Student Name

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Print Parent/Guardian Name

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Date

**I request that my 10th grade student be exempt from the PSAT/NMSQT**

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Parent/Guardian Signature