

News release



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Wednesday, Oct. 17 is special for high school juniors!

Juniors in each of the district's high schools will be taking for FREE, the [Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test](#), or PSAT/NMSQT.

Why is this so special?

- This is the second year the district has been able to offer the test at no cost to all high school juniors.
- In previous years, the test has cost each student \$25.
- In 2010, when students had to pay for the test, only 638 took it. In 2011, the first year the test was paid for by the school district, 1,270 students took the test.

Why is it important for juniors to take the PSAT/NMSQT - even if they might have taken it as sophomores?

- Eligible juniors will be automatically entered into scholarship and recognition competitions, including the [National Merit Scholarship Program](#).
- Scholarships not only help students and families pay for college and training, but they also can help students stand apart from other students in the post-high school education admission process.
- Students who say "yes" to Student Search Service on the test day, will be eligible to receive FREE information from colleges and scholarship organizations.
- Those who take the PSAT/NMSQT test get FREE access to [My College QuickStart](#), an online college, training center and career planning tool that is customized for each student.
- On average, students who take the PSAT/NMSQT score higher on the SAT than those who don't.
- Those who take the PSAT/NMSQT test both as sophomores and as juniors score even higher when taking the SAT as seniors.

Juniors will arrive at school at the regular time on Wednesday, Oct. 17 to begin taking the PSAT/NMSQT. Each high school has planned learning intervention activities and will communicate with parents of freshmen, sophomores and seniors who will be involved in those learning activities. For students who are not required to be on campus there will be a late bus.

Sophomores will have the opportunity to sign up for the Saturday, Oct. 20 administration of the PSAT/NMSQT at the normal cost of \$25.

Full details about the testing schedule for juniors and sophomores are available from each student's high school counselor.

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