



### What is the PSAT/NMSQT?

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is a program cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. It's a standardized test that provides first hand practice for the SAT®. It measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills.

### Why should I take the PSAT/NMSQT?

As part of the SAT® Suite of Assessments, it's designed to help prepare students for the SAT, college, and careers. Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT in 11th grade may enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. In addition, official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® is FREE for all students who take the PSAT/NMSQT and is a great way to prepare for the SAT. When they link their College Board and Khan Academy accounts, students get a personalized study plan based on their results from the PSAT/NMSQT.

### How do I register for the PSAT/NMSQT?

The Wake County Public School System will offer the PSAT on **Wednesday, October 13th**. Students in grades 9-11 are eligible to sign up for the PSAT. There is a \$18 fee for taking the test. WCPSS will pay the fee for students in 11th grade whose GPA is in the top 10% of all WCPSS 11th graders. The cutoff GPA for 2020 was 4.3438. The cutoff GPA has not yet been released for 2021.

In order to register for the test at Leesville Road High School, please complete the online [registration form](#) **while logged in to WCPSS student account** AND submit your payment through [Online School Payments](#). **All registrations and payments must be completed by Friday, September 10th.**

Please note that students who take the PSAT will miss periods 1-3 on the day of the test. Students will be responsible for all missed work.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kim Arwood at [karwood@wcpss.net](mailto:karwood@wcpss.net)

Registration Form



Online Payment Site



Testing Calendar Notes: LRHS 10th graders are scheduled to take the PreACT November 1  
LRHS 11th graders are scheduled to take the ACT March 1.