

# PSAT/NMSQT®



## 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. Historically, students who take the PSAT/NMSQT score higher on the SAT, on average, than those who don't take the test. 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. Created by Khan Academy and the makers of the SAT, Official SAT Practice gives students a practice plan built just for them. When they link their College Board and Khan Academy accounts, students get a personalized study plan based on their results from the PSAT/NMSQT, so they can focus on the skills they need to work on most.

## 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. In order to register for the test at Holly Springs High School, please complete the online registration form at <https://bit.ly/3gvf6eZ> AND submit your payment through Online School Payments at <https://bit.ly/3muKUUX>. **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 during the test.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Young at [tyoung@wcpss.net](mailto:tyoung@wcpss.net).

Online Payment Site



Registration Form