



METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Sophomores and Juniors,

All sophomores and juniors have been registered for the PSAT/NMSQT, which will be held at Metuchen High School on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. ***This assessment is offered on one date each year. There is no make-up test date. The next testing opportunity will be in October 2022.***

The PSAT/NMSQT measures both critical reading and math problem-solving skills and is appropriate for any 10th or 11th grade student who is considering college. This assessment is recognized as a Pathway to Graduation, meaning that students who do not demonstrate proficiency on other state assessments like the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment may qualify to utilize their PSAT results to meet the assessment measure for graduation. Please click on the hyperlink for a comprehensive view of the [NJ High School Graduation Assessment Requirements](#).

National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

The PSAT/NMSQT serves as the qualifying test for juniors (Class of 2023 only) for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Note that this scholarship is highly selective, especially for students from NJ, and requires strong scores to move on (maximum possible score 1520). Typically, National Merit Commended students have PSAT scores in the range of 1400+ and National Merit Semi-Finalists have PSAT scores in the range of 1490+.

Preparing for the PSAT/NMSQT:

- On Thursday, October 7, 2021, students will receive a copy of the PSAT Practice Booklet so that they can familiarize themselves with the assessment and the content that they will encounter.
- Full-length practice tests are [available online](#).

On Tuesday, October 12, 2021:

- MHS will have an extended homeroom from 8:30-8:45am to aid in the preparation for the PSAT/NMSQT.
- All students will go to their alphabetical homeroom (the same homeroom that they attended on the first day of school).
- During the extended homeroom time, students will grid the test booklets so that they are prepared for testing the next day.

On Wednesday, October 13, 2021:

- Your child must report to Metuchen High School no later than 8:15am.
- The exam will run from approximately 8:30-11:15 for most students.
- All expectations for the school day (wearing masks and social distancing) will remain in effect.
- Students need to bring a sufficient supply of pencils and erasers, as well as a calculator. We cannot distribute these to students on test day.
- Upon completion of the PSAT/NMSQT, students will transition back to the regular daily schedule.

Other Important Details:

- Scores will be released in early December 2021.
- Additional information about the PSAT can be found on the [College Board site](#).

If you have any additional questions, please contact the School Counseling Department at 732.321.8750.

Sincerely,

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