

**TO: COLLEGE BOUND JUNIORS & SOPHOMORES (CLASSES OF 2021 & 2022)**

**RE: PSAT/NMSQT: Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test**

The PSAT/NMSQT is an objective test which measures reading, writing and language, and math skills developed over many years, both in and out of school. You will not be asked to recall facts from literature, history, or science, or to complete math formulas, because this test measures your reasoning and critical thinking skills. As such, the PSAT/NMSQT offers you an opportunity to find out more about yourself and to get information helpful in planning for education beyond high school.

Each year more than one million students take this test. Some of their reasons for doing so are as follows:

1. The PSAT/NMSQT lets you find out how you rank among juniors across the country in the reading, language, and mathematical abilities measured by the test.
2. The PSAT/NMSQT can help you and your school to assess your ability to do college work and, thus, help you to plan for college. For most students, PSAT/NMSQT scores and the high school record together provide a good indication of ability to succeed in college.
3. The PSAT/NMSQT is a shortened version of the College Board SAT Reasoning Test. By taking the PSAT/NMSQT, you can find out what the SAT is like, and you can use your PSAT/NMSQT scores to forecast the scores you are likely to obtain on the SAT. However, unlike the SAT, the scores of the PSAT are not forwarded to colleges unless the student chooses to do so.
4. Particularly helpful for students is the Score Report which includes the correct answers and their own responses and scores. They also receive their own test booklets so they can review the actual questions, see the ones they got wrong, and try to figure out the correct answer and why they may have missed it.
5. Get free, personalized and focused practice through Khan Academy.
6. The PSAT/NMSQT gives you an opportunity to participate in the Student Search Service of the College Board. Many students who participate in this service receive materials from colleges and other postsecondary educational institutions informing them of educational and financial aid opportunities.

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## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

1. **TEST DATE:**                    **Wednesday, October 16, 2019**, from 7:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.  
at Braintree High School
  
  2. **TEST FEE:**                    **\$18.00**
  
  3. **REGISTRATION:**            There are 2 options to register for the PSAT this year:  
  
    Option 1:                    Braintree Public Schools utilizes Unipay, a secure and user-friendly on-line payment option. Click on the link below and click on the “PSAT FEE” tab  
  
   <https://unipaygold.unibank.com/CustomerInfo.aspx?Customerid=868>
    - After submitting payment, please send your child to the guidance office to pick up the PSAT Student Guide  
    Option 2:                    Register by Cash or Check (Made out to: **BHS PSAT**). Place payment in an envelope and deliver to the Guidance Secretary, Mrs. McDonald
    - On the front of the envelope, please write the following information:  
    (a) **Your NAME...please print**  
    (b) **Your GRADE**
  
  4. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER:**    **October 1, 2019**
  
  5. **WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE:** The booklet entitled **PSAT/NMSQT STUDENT GUIDE**
  
  6. **DAY OF TEST:**
    - (a) Specific test locations will be announced prior to the exam
    - (b) Please bring at least two #2 pencils and erasers to exam.
    - (c) We strongly recommend that you bring a four-function, scientific or graphic calculator for use on the math section.
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- **If you are eligible for a fee waiver, please see your counselor. All such inquiries will be kept confidential.**