

## **PSAT/NMSQT\* Registration Information**

***\*Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test***

**Registration:** Opens August 1, 2022 - September 2, 2022

**Registration Link:** <https://frederickcounty.schoolcashonline.com/>

**Test Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2022

**Standard Testing Time:** 7:30am - 12:00pm

**Fee:** \$18

### **Who can take the PSAT?**

The PSAT/NMSQT is intended for 10th and 11th grade students. Any 9th grade students who wish to take the exam must contact Ms. Bertulaitis ([jennifer.bertulait@fcps.org](mailto:jennifer.bertulait@fcps.org)). Please note that the test includes math content from courses through Algebra 2, which 9th and 10th graders may not have taken yet.

### **Why take the PSAT/NMSQT?**

The PSAT acts as a precursor to the SAT as the two tests generally mirror each other in content and structure, however the PSAT has fewer questions than the SAT. Please note that the PSAT scores determine students' eligibility to apply for National Merit scholarships for 11th grade students only.

### **Registration & Fee Payment**

To register for the PSAT/NMSQT, go to <https://frederickcounty.schoolcashonline.com/> and pay for the exam. Registration will open from August 1, 2022 through September 2, 2022. There are limited tests available, so you should register ASAP to ensure your spot.

The fee to take the exam is \$18. Once you have paid for the exam, you are registered. Families experiencing financial hardship should contact Ms. Bertulaitis ([jennifer.bertulait@fcps.org](mailto:jennifer.bertulait@fcps.org)) for a fee waiver.

Refunds will not be issued to students who do not show up for the exam on October 12th.

### **Safety**

We want to ensure the safety and health of all students/staff. Therefore, students and staff involved in the PSAT will abide by all COVID 19 mitigating strategies in place at the time of the test, as determined by FCPS.

### **Will transportation be provided?**

The PSAT will take place during a school day, therefore students taking the PSAT will utilize the same transportation to and from school that they would on any given school day.

### **How can students prepare for the PSAT?**

The College Board ([www.collegeboard.org/psat](http://www.collegeboard.org/psat)) offers detailed information and resources regarding the PSAT, including practice questions. Additional support can be accessed through the Khan Academy website ([www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)).

MHS will receive PSAT Student Guides approximately 1-2 weeks prior to test day and will distribute them to students who would like one. The PSAT Student Guides can also be found online (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-nmsqt-student-guide.pdf>).

### **Testing Accommodations**

Students may apply for testing accommodations for the PSAT through the College Board. There is no guarantee that the College Board will approve students for testing accommodations, even if the student has a 504 Plan or IEP. To apply for or inquire about College Board Testing Accommodations, please contact Ms. Michelle Hill ([michelle.hill@fcps.org](mailto:michelle.hill@fcps.org)).

### **Questions?**

Contact Ms. Bertulaitis ([jennifer.bertulait@fcps.org](mailto:jennifer.bertulait@fcps.org)) with any questions regarding the PSAT. Please be aware that with the start of the school year, response time for questions may be considerably longer than usual.