



MONTOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

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August 22, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are writing to provide you with information regarding the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The PSAT/NMSQT is a practice test for any freshman, sophomore, or junior college-bound student and is also the qualifying assessment for National Merit scholarships for junior students.

The PSAT/NMSQT is designed to measure the ability to understand and process elements of reading, mathematics, and writing. Students who take this exam will receive very detailed information about their performance and about how they can prepare for the SAT. Once results are received (December, 2018) students can access free exam preparation tools that are personalized based on their own test results. These helpful resources are offered by the College Board and its partner, Khan Academy.

Although the PSAT/NMSQT is designed in skill level for juniors (and scores only count for the National Merit scholarship during the junior year), both freshmen and sophomores can also take advantage of this once-a-year test. While any freshman or sophomore who takes the exam will likely want to take it again as a junior, this administration could serve as an “extra practice” for the SAT for them. They, like juniors, will receive detailed, personalized feedback on their performance and will be able to access the Khan Academy resources. A student may not perform as well as a freshman or sophomore as he/she would as a junior; however, results of the exam are shared only with the student and the school and are not used for any other purpose.

Students are responsible for registering and turning in a payment of \$16.00; details below on how to register.

Please note: there is no cost for free or reduced lunch program qualifiers – registration form must be turned in, however.

Important information about exam registration:

- Monday, August 27, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. - Registration Begins. Registration form (attached) and payment must be turned in to Mrs. Caliguire in room 312 and she will give a copy of the registration form as a receipt.
- Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. - Registration Ends.
- \$16.00 – Exam fee to be paid at time of exam registration, (check or money order only) made out to Montour School District. There are no refunds, so please register carefully. Students who receive free or reduced priced lunch can indicate that they do so on the registration form.
- Please note: No Standby/No Walk-Ins on the day of the test.

Important information about the exam administration:

- Date of PSAT/NMSQT: Wednesday, October 10, 2018.
- Location: Montour High School starting directly after homeroom period.

Sincerely,

Mr. Todd Price, Montour High School Principal

Mrs. Cindy Caliguire, District Assessment Coordinator

**PSAT/NMSQT
2018-19 Exam Registration**

**Registration Form and Check/Money Order Due By:
Wednesday, September 12, 2018 by 3:00 p.m.**

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____
Full Legal Name **Last** **First** **M.I.**

Grade: _____ **Phone Number:** _____ **Homeroom Teacher:** _____

Check One:

- I am registering for the PSAT/NMSQT and including a payment of \$16.00.
- I am registering for the PSAT/NMSQT and qualify for free or reduced-price lunch program \$0

Please turn in this completed form and a check/money order in the amount of \$16.00 payable to:
Montour School District. (No cash)

Students: turn in to Mrs. Caliguire in room 312 located in the World Language hallway (near elevator).
Please do not drop off without handing to her - **you will be given a copy of this form for your receipt.** If she is not at her desk, please return at another time.

Detailed test day information will be sent to you via email in the future.

REFUND POLICY

There are no refunds, so please register carefully.

SIGNATURES

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Office use only:

Check or money order number: _____

Copy of this completed form scanned to student for a receipt, check here: _____