



PSAT/NMSQT 2018 Announcement

To: Parents and Students, grades 9-11
From: Amy Swartz, Assistant Principal
Re: PSAT NMSQT Assessment
Date: August 31, 2018

Dear Students & Parents:

Durango High School is proud to announce that the PSAT NMSQT will be offered to all 11th grade DHS students as part of our efforts to promote college and career readiness. As room permits, 9th and 10th grade DHS students will also be allowed to participate. The October PSAT NMSQT is voluntary, as opposed to the PSAT which occurs in April. The October test is a good practice for 9th and 10th graders. Juniors who score well enough may qualify for a scholarship competition.

Details

Date: Wednesday, October 10 (no make-up date)

Time: 8:00 start time

Location: Durango High School

Fee (REQUIRED): \$17 check paid to **Durango School District 9R** at time of registration. Due no later than Tuesday, September 25 in the front office with Mr. Espinoza.

The PSAT NMSQT is a practice test that prepares students for success on the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test). The SAT is a commonly required college placement test. Additional information, including acceptable calculators, for PSAT or SAT can be found at

<https://www.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt>.

Students will receive test score report that gives specific information about their answers, difficulty level of questions and content each question assessed. Test results are generally received late in December and the guidance office will make arrangements to distribute and explain results to students.

Students with Testing Accommodations:

Some students receive testing accommodations at the high school due to a disability documented through a 504 Plan or IEP. These accommodations do not automatically apply to the PSAT or SAT. All accommodations must be approved by College Board. It is often recommended that students take the PSAT without accommodations. This helps students and their parents determine if the accommodations will be beneficial on the actual SAT. Please speak with your guidance counselor and/or case manager for additional information on the application/approval process.

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