



August 24, 2026

Dear Grade 11 Mustangs and Families,

We will be offering all juniors the chance to take the PSAT/NMSQT on **Wednesday, October 14, 2026**, at Mundelein High School. PSAT/NMSQT stands for “Preliminary SAT-National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.” This exam is optional, but it is open to all Grade 11 students.

The PSAT/NMSQT is a multiple-choice assessment of verbal, mathematical, and written skills. There are several benefits to taking this exam. Top performing students may be eligible for money through National Merit, National Achievement, or National Hispanic Scholarship funds. Thus, this becomes a great opportunity for any student to possibly obtain National Merit recognition and scholarship money. Another reason is that this exam provides excellent practice for the ACT in the spring, which will also be an important factor in determining scholarship money and acceptance into certain colleges or universities.

Students who wish to take the PSAT/NMSQT will be required to pay a \$35 fee. Free and reduced lunch arrangements will be honored for this exam. The PSAT/NMSQT is approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes long. The test will begin at 8:40 am. Locations will be sent out closer to the exam, but all tests will be administered at MHS. Students will be excused for any classes they miss, but they will be responsible for making up classwork.

Please note the following:

- As this is a digital exam, **students must bring their fully charged devices and chargers to school for this exam.**
- Students may bring a calculator; however, there is an online calculator for students to use.
- Students are able to highlight text on the computer.
- Students may eliminate responses within the online program when choosing their answer.

Given this school year’s start date and to ensure that accommodations are provided accurately, **students with accommodations need to register ASAP to ensure that we are able to get their accommodations into College Board’s system.** Waiting until the end of the registration timeline may result in College Board not approving accommodations.



**Students must register using their MHS email
by Sunday, September 20, 2026 to avoid a late fee.**

Click [HERE](#) to register today!

To learn more about the PSAT/NMSQT, visit www.collegeboard.org/psat. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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