PSAT Parent Communication – 2025

Pedro Menendez High School is pleased to offer 9th, 10th, and 11th-grade students the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT® (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) in October 2025 (exact date to be determined).

The PSAT/NMSQT is an essential step in college preparation. It offers students the opportunity to experience a college readiness exam and helps identify those who may benefit from advanced coursework. The PSAT mirrors the <u>SAT</u> in structure, timing, and content, providing excellent practice while evaluating essential skills in Reading, Writing, and Math—key areas for success in college and beyond. Your student will also receive personalized feedback on their skills to help improve before taking the <u>SAT</u>.

Sophomores will receive the PSAT at **no cost**, as it is fully funded by the state. There is **no need for 10th-grade students to register**.

Freshmen and Juniors must register and pay a \$22 testing fee. Registration must be completed online using the SchoolPay links provided below, no later than midnight on September 14th, 2024. This deadline is firm due to the College Board's enforced policies for payment and registration in computer-based testing, without exception.

For Juniors, the PSAT/NMSQT serves as the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Additionally, a score of 430 or higher on the PSAT Math section qualifies as a concordant score for the Algebra I EOC.

SchoolPay Registration Link:

https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/PSAT--October-22nd-/Sd1w33

Helpful Resources:

- For more details about the PSAT/NMSQT®, including test format, benefits, and registration info, please visit College Board's official PSAT page.
- To explore scholarship opportunities connected to the PSAT/NMSQT, check out <u>Scholarships and Recognition</u>, which includes information on the National Merit Scholarship Program, College Board's National Recognition Programs, and additional scholarship partners.
- Students can also access <u>free PSAT/NMSQT practice resources</u>, including two full-length practice tests to help them prepare with confidence.
- To learn more about the <u>National Merit Scholarship Program</u>, including eligibility and selection criteria, visit College Board's dedicated page.

If you have any questions, reach out to Pedro Menendez Testing Coordinator Alejandra Cuevas.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter and for supporting your student's academic journey.