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WILSON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s) of 10th graders,

This fall, Wilson High School will be administering the PSAT/NMSQT exam. The PSAT/NMSQT (or National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is a preliminary version of the SAT that not only helps prepare students to take the SAT or ACT, it can also meet graduation requirements for essential skills.

This test is free for all Sophomores and students are registered by the school District Office – there is no action on your part to register your son or daughter this year. **The PSAT will be administered on Wednesday, October 11th during the regular school day, starting at 8:15am.** We will provide a snack and water to students during one of the breaks, then, lunchtime will be immediately following testing. Wilson will be operating on a modified schedule with an early dismissal that day, so please consult with the website and/or the bulletin for what the day will look like as it gets closer.

Please have your student to school on time, well fed, and prepared for testing. We will start checking in students at 8:15 and once the test begins for a room, no student is admitted late. Students will learn their exact testing room a few days before the test.

To find more resources on the PSAT and/or the National Merit Scholarship, visit www.collegeboard.org and www.nationalmerit.org. Additional resources for exam preparation are listed below. Your student should make some time in the next few weeks to prepare.

Sincerely,

Sara Gandarilla
Vice Principal, Wilson High School

PSAT Exam Preparation Help

Following are some PSAT preparation websites, many of which are *free*. There are also many fee-based test preparation programs in the area, a quick Google search will also help locate additional resources locally and online. Many of the websites will give you test taking tips, practice tests, test day procedures and tips, descriptions of tests, and more.

While this is not an endorsement of the programs or sites, or one site over the other, we hope you find them helpful!

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>

Explains what is on the test and includes practice questions for each section: critical reading, math and writing skills. The "Official Student Guide" has test taking tips and a full-length practice test.

<http://www.studyguidezone.com/pdfs/psatateststudyguide.pdf>

68 page pdf study guide for the PSAT. Contains sample test questions with answers and explanations. General information and what to expect on the test day is also included.

<http://www.studyguidezone.com/psatatest.htm>

Includes a link for writing, reading, and math practice questions in addition to general test information.

<http://www.free-test-online.com/psatnmsqt-test>

Includes test questions for the Grid-In section and multiple choice. There is a link for the explanation of the differences between the SAT/PSAT and ACT/PSAT tests.

<http://www.testpreppractice.net/PSAT/Free-Online-PSAT-Practice-Tests.aspx>

Offers several practice tests for each section of the PSAT. Good information on the test structure, how the test answers are weighted and what your test score means.

<http://www.brightstorm.com/psat>

Site includes a question and answer section, videos, practice sections, flashcards, practice tests and personalized reports.

http://www.testpreview.com/psat_practice.htm

(after PSAT there is an _ in the web address) Site includes practice tests in basic & advanced algebra, averages & rounding and basic operations