

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test also known as the PSAT/NMSQT will be offered at Eastern York High School on Wednesday, October 13, 2010. Juniors and Sophomores interested in taking the PSAT will need to see Mrs. Sullivan in the High School Counseling Office and pay this year's registration fee of \$15.00. **Mrs. Sullivan will begin registration on Tuesday, September 7, 2010. The deadline for registration is 3 PM on Monday, September 20, 2010.** Students may pay with cash or check. Checks should be made payable to Eastern York High School. If paying by cash, please bring the exact amount for we are unable to make change. Per the Collegeboard, Juniors who receive free/reduced lunch may take the exam for free.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who should take the PSAT?

Typically, college bound students take the PSAT in their Junior year. It may also be beneficial for Sophomores to take the test to get a head start on improving academic skills needed for college success.

Why should students take the PSAT?

The PSAT is great practice for the SAT Reasoning Test. It is a comprehensive tool that gives valuable feedback to the student and the school. In addition, Juniors who take the test may also qualify to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Students will receive scores in critical reading, math reasoning, and writing and will see how their scores compare to other Juniors and Sophomores across the country. Eastern York should receive Score Reports from the Collegeboard in mid-to-late December. When the scores are received, the student's counselor will disseminate to the student his/her original test booklet and score report. Students will be able to see which answers they got right or wrong and will be able to refer to the original test booklet for additional practice.

What should be done to prepare for this test?

The *PSAT Official Student Guide* is full of useful information, including a full-length Practice Test. The Guide will be issued to students when they register for the test and pay the \$14 registration fee. Students should review the Guide and take the Practice Test to be sure they understand all the directions and are familiar with the types of questions that will be asked.

How many times can a student take this test?

Only once a year. It is important that college-bound Juniors take the test to prepare for the SAT test. It is recommended that Juniors take the SAT twice in the spring of their junior year. In addition, Juniors have the potential to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. For Sophomores, the main benefit is to gain valuable feedback and get a head start on improving their academic skills.

For questions and concerns, please contact your child's school counselor at 252-1551.

Sincerely,
The Eastern York Counseling Department