

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
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Dear 9th, 10th and 11th Grade Parents and Guardians,

The School District of Philadelphia will be administering the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test (**PSAT/NMSQT**) to all ninth and tenth grade students on **Wednesday, October 14th, 2015, at their high school at no additional cost to parents or students.** This exam will provide your student(s) with a great opportunity to get a jumpstart on their journey to college. The PSAT provides firsthand practice for the SAT Test and gives students an opportunity to take a college readiness exam. Students will be given their results in the early winter for distribution with suggestions for improvement.

By taking the PSAT/NMSQT your child will have access to SAT resources. The preparation materials will make it easier for students to navigate through numerous resources that will help prepare him/her for their future. The resources include, but are not limited to:

- Free SAT Prep through Khan Academy.
- Personalized online instruction and access to potential colleges and careers based on preference.
- Access to MyRoad, an interactive college and career planning website.

It is important that your child take advantage of this wonderful opportunity by arriving to school on time and eating a healthy breakfast. After the test, students will return to their regularly scheduled classes. If you have any questions about the PSAT/NMSQT and how it will be administered at your child's school, please contact their school counselor.

For general information about the exam, please visit;
<https://sites.google.com/a/philasd.org/sdppsat>.

We hope you and your child will take the PSAT as an opportunity to get a jump start on a promising future. Thank you for your continued support of The School District of Philadelphia, and our effort to ensure that 100% of our students will graduate, ready for college and career.

Sincerely,

Christopher Shaffer
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