



September 02, 2025

Dear Students and Families:

Each year, all 10th-grade students take a *free*PreACT, and all 11th-grade students take a *free* ACT during the school day. Additionally, families can choose to pay for the student to take the PSAT. The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a program co-sponsored by the College Board and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). It is a standardized test that provides practice for the SAT. It also gives students a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools. **The PSAT is an additional testing resource that is available but not required. Unlike the PreACT, the PSAT does require cost to families.**

The PSAT/NMSQT measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills. This test does not require students to recall specific facts from classes. The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are to:

- Receive feedback on personal strengths and weaknesses regarding skills necessary for college study. Students can then focus preparation on specific areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice.
- See how student performance on an admissions test might compare with that of other applicants.
- Enter the competition for scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (grade 11).
- Help prepare for the SAT and become familiar with the kinds of questions and the exact directions provided on the SAT.
- Receive information from colleges (if a student checks **YES** to Student Search Service).

Our school system will offer the PSAT to interested **tenth and eleventh graders** on **Wednesday, October 29, 2025**. The **makeup** date will be on **Friday, October 31** (if needed due to unforeseen circumstances). There will be a **\$10.00** fee charged to all interested students who would like to take this test. Davidson County Schools will pay the remaining fee beyond \$10.00 for each student.

In order to plan for the proper number of materials and register each student, we need you to return this form to your school's Student Services office no later than **Friday, September 12, 2025**, along with your payment. **Checks should be made payable to your high school, or you may use School Cash Online.** If your student needs accommodations, please contact the test administrator at your school. **The deadline for requests is September 8, 2025.**

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

High School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____

FOR OFFICE USE: Date Received _____ Paid _____ (CASH or CK# _____)