2026 PSAT/NMSQT TESTING REGISTRATION

Test Date: Oct 21, 2026

The *Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is an optional test for 10th and 11th graders*. **Students MUST register for the optional testing by October 1st at 3:30**. Sophomores will often use this as a "practice" test, it cannot be used as a qualifier for the National Merit Scholarship. Juniors use the PSAT/NMSQT to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship.

Test day: Wednesday, October 21 at 8:30am – SHARP
Testing Locations: Career Center, Conference Room A, and Museum (check the Career Center window for your room assignment)
Device Prep/Bluebook Install Day: October 8th (7:45 OR 3:30) in the Career Center
Registration Deadline: October 1st at 3:30 PM
Questions? Contact Jane Carlson Bumgarner (jane.bumgarner@austin.k12.mn.us) in the Career Center

Why take the PSAT:

- **BigFuture School** allows students to take control of their college and career planning. You will receive a Career Insights snapshot, receive custom messages about planning for career and college, and use interactive tools like Career Quiz and Career Explorer to combine your interests, skills, and strengths to discover what future pathways are most intriguing for you.Connections (optional) will match you with colleges, scholarships, and more!
- **The PSAT/NMSQT is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship (juniors).** Sophomores who take the 2026 PSAT/NMSQT will not meet entry requirements for the National Merit Program, but many take it as a practice. They must take the PSAT/NMSQT when they are juniors to enter the National Merit Scholarship competition.
- **Hormel Foods Charitable Trust Special Scholarship – this is the ONLY test that Hormel Foods will accept for their special scholarship program.** These scholarships are available to the children of current, retired, or deceased employees of Hormel and its subsidiaries. The NMSQT Corporation handles the entire award process.

Scores: *If you provided your mobile number during exam setup, you will receive a text alerting you when your scores are available to view in the app. You will also receive an official score report.*

The $18 testing fee may be paid by cash, check to "Austin High School", or added to Fines and Fees for an online payment option. Free or reduced lunch eligibility can be identified on this form. **NOTE: The test is digital. Students will need their fully charged laptop and charging cable for the test. Watch your email for updates regarding PSAT Testing. Attendance at the device prep day is required for all testers.**

Please check one of the following:

☐ I will be paying by cash or check (Made out to "Austin High School") at $18.00 per test. **Payment and this completed form must be turned in together.**
☐ I would like the test(s) to be charged to my school account to "Fines and Fees".
☐ I am on the free/reduced lunch program. (Must verify with cashier when form is turned in)

Student Name:	**Student ID# Grade 10 11**
Student Signature	**Date:**
Parent Signature	**Date:**

Questions? See Mrs. Carlson Bumgarner in the Career

Center. Form turned in to cashier on / /2026