

## Attention incoming 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students!

### Take the 2018 PSAT/NMQST (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)!

- **When:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018
- **Where:** Redmond High School
- **10<sup>th</sup> graders:** The Lake Washington School District will pay for you to take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> during the school day. NO COST!
- **11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders:** You may register to take the PSAT through Parent Access or with our bookkeeper. There will be a \$16 fee for the test.
  - 11<sup>th</sup> grade students: If you take the PSAT, your score will be considered for the National Merit Scholarship Competition.
  - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students: Please note that the PSAT is different from the SAT. If you are applying to colleges and need to take an admissions test, the PSAT is not a test that colleges will accept in the application process.
- **Sign Up Deadline:** October 3, 2018

### Why Should You Take the PSAT/NMQST®?

#### Take an Important Step to College

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMQST) is a vital step toward reaching your college goals. It measures the reading, writing and language, and math skills you need for college and a career. After the test, you'll receive feedback on how ready you are for college along with tools to help you improve

#### Free SAT Practice Powered by Khan Academy

You'll receive a unique SAT study plan based on your performance on the PSAT/NMQST that features:

- + Personalized online practice tailored to your strengths and weaknesses.
- + SAT practice questions and full-length tests.
- + Detailed feedback on your progress.

Visit <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat> to learn more.

#### Enter Scholarship Competitions

By taking the PSAT/NMQST and meeting published entry requirements,  **juniors**  can enter the National Merit Scholarship Program conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation. If you took the test as a sophomore, you need to take it again, as a junior. Only JUNIOR test scores are used for National Merit and possible scholarships! Go to <http://www.nationalmerit.org/s/1758/start.aspx?gid=2&pgid=61> to learn more.

Students taking the exam now have increased access to nearly \$18 million in combined annual awards for low-income and minority students through leading scholarship providers. You should opt into Student Search Service when you take the PSAT/NMQST to benefit from these opportunities.

#### Access to College Planning Resources

Your PSAT/NMQST results will connect you to valuable resources that include:

- + An interactive score report with answer explanations to help you practice for the SAT.
- + A detailed personality test to help you find majors and careers that fit your talents and interests.
- + Tools allowing you to search for and explore colleges, majors, scholarships, and more.

#### Connect with Colleges That Are Interested in You

Through the Student Search Service, you can receive free information about admission and financial aid from colleges, universities, and scholarship programs that are interested in you. Just say "Yes" to the Student Search Service when you take the PSAT/NMQST.

**Remember- The PSAT will be given only one time, Wednesday, October 10, 2018. The test fee is \$16 for juniors and seniors, free for sophomores. Juniors and seniors will sign up/pay with the RHS Bookkeeper no later than October 3, 2018.** (Fee waivers are available for eligible juniors and seniors, such as those covered by free and reduced-price lunch programs. See your counselor in September if you qualify).

**Services with Students with Disabilities (SSD):** The College Board must approve testing accommodations before students test. This process takes up to 7 weeks. Here is the process for submitting a request: <https://www.collegeboard.org/students-with-disabilities/request-accommodations>