

## PSAT/NMSQT

### Information for the October 13, 2021 PSAT/NMSQT test at Lincoln High School.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an annual academic competition among high school students for recognition and college scholarships. The program is conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation, a not for profit organization that operates without government assistance.

The 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is the qualifying test for entry to the 2023 National Merit Program. The competition will span about 18 months from entry in October 2021 until the spring of 2023 when scholarships for college undergraduate study will be awarded.

### Who can take the test?

Students who plan to spend the usual four years in high school (grades 9 through 12) before entering college full time must take the qualifying test in their third year of high school (grade 11, junior year).

Sophomores who take the 2021 PSAT/NMSQT but plan to spend four years in grades 9 through 12 will not meet entry requirements for the 2022 National Merit Program. They must take the PSAT/NMSQ again in 2022 (when they are juniors) to enter the competition that will end when scholarships are awarded in 2024, the year they will complete high school and enter college.

### **The PSAT/NMSQT Measures:**

Critical reading, mathematical reasoning, and writing skills that are important for success in college.

Knowledge and skills developed through years of study in a wide range of courses.  
Ability to reason with facts and concepts rather than the ability to recall them.

### **Content:**

Reading Test: 60 minutes

Writing and Language Test: 35 minutes

Math Test – NO Calculator: 25 minutes

Math Test – Calculator: 45 minutes

Pre-Registration starts September 13<sup>th</sup> and runs through October 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM in the counseling office. (Please note that payments made online end October 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM).

**After payment, paper pre-registration takes approximately 30 minutes.**

- **Payment of \$25:**
  - Debit or Credit Card through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. (Closes Oct 1st 4:00 PM). Link: [Parent Portal](#)
    - Log onto your Parent Portal/Fees/Optional Payments/ Select LHS PSAT Fee then go to My Cart and make payment.
  - Or Check made out to Lincoln High School and turned into the counseling office.
  - Or Cash turned into the counseling office.
  
- **Student pre-registration paperwork can be done during these times:**
  - Before or after school, WIN time, or Study in the counseling office.

**Questions: Contact the LHS Counseling office if you have questions @ 367-7994.**

Thank you,

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