The PSAT/NMSQT™ is a standardized test administered by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. It measures the reading, math, and writing skills needed for college and career success in today's world. The PSAT/NMSQT™ provides valuable information to parents and students on student potential for advanced academics in high school. Juniors who score well may qualify for National Merit Recognition and Scholarships.

ALL 10th and 11th grade students will be participating in the PSAT. Students who are enrolled at OTHS will automatically be enrolled in the PSAT test.

Freshman and Seniors will attend a “homeroom” study hall during that time.

Please see the PSAT DAY Schedule for the Bell Schedule for the day.

Parents of ALL STUDENTS, please do not schedule appointments during the testing window as the campus will be closed. Thank you for respecting this guideline. Our first priority is always the safety of our students. Our attendance clerks and other staff are busy on testing dates accounting for each and every student on campus and we need to keep them focused on that task. Thank you so much for understanding and making allowances.

MILLER STUDENTS: Juniors will NOT go to Miller Career Center in the morning and must report to OTHS by 7:25 am. Seniors will keep to their regular Miller schedule. Morning Miller students will report to homeroom upon their arrival back to Tompkins.

LATE ARRIVAL STUDENTS:
- SOPHOMORE / JUNIORS: Must report to OTHS by 7:25 am to take the PSAT.
- SENIORS: Must report to their homeroom by 8:22.

EARLY RELEASE STUDENTS:
- 6th PERIOD: Release will be at 1:12
- 7th PERIOD: Release will be at 1:57

Testing Room and Homeroom Assignments: Will be posted several days prior.

Students taking the PSAT will need to bring the following items to the test:
- Valid photo ID (school ID or driver’s license)
- Email address
- 10th graders will need to bring a calculator

Take a look “Inside the Test” https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/inside-the-test
Practice Tests and Sample Questions https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice

Homeschool Students zoned to attend Tompkins HS: Registration for homeschool students will open on Sept. 6 and close on Friday, Sept. 20, 2019 at 2:00 PM. Proof of residency is required at time of registration. See residency requirements for full details. Please click on the following link to access PSAT registration. Please contact Cathy Hart, Campus Testing Coordinator, at cathrinelhart@katyisd.org with any questions.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Dear Parents and Students,

On Wednesday, October 16, 2019, sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT® at Tompkins HS. Taking the PSAT/NMSQT® can encourage a student to start thinking seriously about life after high school, about college and career goals, and about the education needed to reach those goals. The PSAT/NMSQT® has been designed to mirror the SAT®.

Students can prepare for this exam by reviewing the information on the PSAT/NMSQT® Student Guide that will be sent home with students prior to testing. There is additional practice available at: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice

Katy ISD provides all students with academic opportunities needed to prepare them for college and beyond. Participation in the PSAT/NMSQT® is an important step in preparing for college.

The College Board has partnered with Khan Academy® to provide free SAT online practice. The customized test preparation will offer skill based videos and practice SAT questions to support students who have taken the PSAT/NMSQT®. When students get their score report, they can link their College Board and Khan Academy accounts to get free personalized learning plans based on test performance.

Taking the PSAT/NMSQT® provides the following advantages to students:

- It measures the reading, math, and writing skills needed for college and career planning. After the test, students will receive a score report that will highlight opportunities to strengthen academic skills. Students can use the score report to show strengths and weaknesses pertaining to college readiness.
- Prepares students for taking the SAT.
- The Student Search Service® gives PSAT/NMSQT® test takers the option to voluntarily place their names and addresses in a pool of college-bound students interested in receiving admission and financial aid information from certified colleges, universities and scholarship agencies.
- Provides practice recommendations from Kahn Academy.
- Juniors who score well may qualify for National Merit Recognition and Scholarships.
- It provides valuable information to parents and students on student potential for advanced academics in high school.

Score Reports will be distributed by February 2020 at all KISD high schools. Along with the score reports, PSAT/NMSQT® test takers will receive a unique access code to gain access to an online score reporting portal. From there students have access to all the college and career exploration programs available on College Board.

Every Katy ISD sophomore and junior is automatically registered to participate in the PSAT/NMSQT® at Tompkins HS on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. There will not be make-up testing for students who miss the October 16th test date.

What should students bring on test day?

☐ 10th graders - Approved calculator (four function, scientific, or graphing calculators – may not share calculators)
☐ Email address
☐ Current and valid school/government issued photo ID