



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Dear Parents and Students,

Katy ISD will continue to administer the PSAT/NMSQT®, which helps students prepare for future SAT testing and provides entry into the National Merit® Scholarship Program for students who meet the criteria.

The district will offer two testing days to accommodate students:

October 14, 2020: 11th grade Face-to-Face and KVA students and 10th/11th grade registered homeschooled students for the PSAT/NMSQT®

- 9th, 10th & 12th will remain at home and engage with assigned asynchronous lessons.
- KVA students may ride district transportation to and from their campus on their scheduled PSAT date.
- KVA parents may pick up their KVA child prior to the end of the school day.
- KVA students may opt to stay at the campus and ride the bus home after school hours; however, students will be placed in a large room setting.
- Before and after school programs/practices will remain on schedule.
- Homeschool students must register with attendance zone home campus. Both 10th and 11th graders will test on October 14, 2020.

October 29, 2020: 10th grade Face-to-Face and KVA students for the PSAT/NMSQT®

- 9th, 11th & 12th will remain at home and engage with assigned asynchronous lessons.
- KVA students may ride district transportation to and from their campus on their scheduled PSAT date.
- KVA parents may pick up their KVA students to transport home prior to the end of the school day.
- KVA students may opt to stay at the home campus and ride the bus home after school hours; however, students will be placed in a large room setting.
- Before and after school programs/practices will remain on schedule.

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.

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.
- 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.

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.

What Should Students Bring on Test Day?

- No. 2 pencil
- Approved calculator (4-function, scientific, or graphing calculator—students may not share calculators)
- Current and valid school/government issued ID
- Mask
- Email address/mobile number (optional)

Score Reports for both test administrations will be distributed by February 2021 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.

Information Regarding School Safety and PSAT Administration

Please refer to the [Smart Restart](#) guidelines on the Katy ISD website. Smart Restart is updated weekly, so please continue to check guidelines as the PSAT test dates approach.