



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Dear Parents and Students,

Beginning in the fall of 2023, the PSAT/NMSQT will be making a full transition from a paper/pencil exam to a digital exam. All sophomores and juniors will take the Digital PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup> at their home campus and are automatically registered for this test.

**Sophomores: Wednesday, October 11**

**Juniors: Thursday, October 12**

Taking the PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> has been designed to mirror the SAT<sup>®</sup>.

Students can prepare for this exam by reviewing the information in the [PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup> Student Guide](#). There is also [additional practice](#) available online.

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

Taking the PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup> 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 retrieve their online 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.
- College Board's [BigFuture<sup>®</sup>](#) app helps students plan for college, pay for college, and explore careers.
- 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<sup>®</sup>](#) 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<sup>®</sup>. 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?

- A pen or pencil for scratch work (No. 2 pencil not required)
- Current and valid school/government issued ID
- Snacks/drinks to be consumed during breaks
- Desmos Calculator is embedded in the Bluebook app; however, a student can also choose to bring a College Board approved calculator. If a student needs a hand-held calculator, please contact the Campus Testing Coordinator.

Score Reports will be available electronically to students in their College Board account on November 6, 2023.