

WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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West Orange High School will be administering the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary School Aptitude Test/National Merit School Qualification Test) to all 10th and 11th grade students on Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

The PSAT helps students prepare for the SAT while qualifying high scoring juniors for entry into the National Merit Program. The test aligns with the SAT and provides students the opportunity to assess critical reading, mathematical reasoning, and writing skills needed for success in college and career. We expect all sophomores and juniors to take the PSAT as it gives WOHS, you and your child valuable feedback on strengths and weaknesses in the three testing areas.

It is essential for your child to become familiar with all that is included on the PSAT exam. To help prepare, students will receive a 2018 Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT in their English classes. This guide includes test-taking tips, National Merit Scholarship information, and a full-length practice test. In addition, you may visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10> for more information, including practice tests and sample questions.

Test takers will come to school and board their bus at the regular time. If your child arrives late, he/she will not be able to sit for the exam; unfortunately, this exam has no makeup dates. **Please make sure your child brings #2 pencils and a calculator to the exam. WOHS will not be supplying calculators to students.** Room assignments will be given to all test-takers one week prior to the test date.

Any student who has a question about the administration of the PSAT should contact his/her school counselor in advance.

Good luck!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Butler
Director of Student Personnel/Guidance



WOHS Information 2018

DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10th 2018

TIME: 7:30-11:15 AM

WHO: Sophomores and Juniors

COST: FREE

LOCATION: WOHS ASSIGNED CLASSROOMS (Room assignments will be posted outside of the cafeterias and in Guidance a few days prior to the test date.)

- **I took the PSAT as a 10th grader, should I take it again this year?**
 - Yes, most definitely! Flip over and read the reasons why...
- **What should I bring on test day?**
 - Two #2 pencils and a calculator; four-function, scientific, or graphing models are acceptable. WOHS **will not** be supplying calculators to any students.
- **Where can I get more information and practice for the PSAT?**
 - Please visit: College Board at www.collegeboard.org/psatpractice
- **Is there a make-up date for the PSAT?**
 - No. The PSAT is only offered once a year at WOHS.
- **When will I get my scores back?**
 - Test results will be emailed to students in mid-December.



1. **To open the door to college.** The PSAT/NMSQT may be a student's first official step on the road to college. It can prompt some to consider college as an option and others (who already know they're going) to jump-start their search.
2. **To practice for the SAT.** On average, those who take the PSAT/NMSQT earn higher scores on the SAT than those who don't. One reason: The tests have the same formats, directions, sample questions, and question types.
3. **To earn scholarships and academic recognition.** By taking the test, juniors may be eligible to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation's scholarship competitions, as well as programs that give special recognition to high-achieving Hispanic and African-American students.
4. **To begin the college search.** The Student Search Service gives PSAT/NMSQT test takers the option to voluntarily place their names in a pool of college-bound students interested in receiving admission and financial aid information from certified colleges, universities, and scholarship agencies.
5. **To see how one's academic skills compare with those of other college-bound students.** PSAT/NMSQT test results will give most students their first chance to see how their skills compare with those of others planning to go to college.

Please see your school counselor with any additional questions or concerns.

Good Luck!

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PSAT TESTING SCHEDULE Wednesday, October 10, 2018 A Day

WOHS will administer the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) to all 10th and 11th grade students on Wednesday, October 10th. Since the PSAT administration requires several hours for testing, we will have a special schedule on that day.

Listed below is a chart with bus pick-up times, PSAT start time and when classes begin. Students and parents should review this chart carefully.

Testing room locations for each student will be posted in the School Counseling Office and throughout the school building.

If you have questions, please contact our School Counseling Office at x31600.

STUDENTS	WEDNESDAY, October 10, 2018
Grade 9 and Grade 12 Students	Bus Pick-up: 4 Hour Delay Exam: None Classes Begin: 11:30AM
All Grade 10 and Grade 11 Students	Bus Pick-up: Regular Time Exam: PSAT Exam Begins: 7:30AM Classes Begin: 11:30AM

PSAT TIME SCHEDULE

Periods	Time	Minutes
1	11:30 – 12:20	(50)
Lunch	12:25 – 1:18	(53)
5	1:23 – 2:15	(52)