



August 4, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The St. Johns County School District's high schools will be administering the PSAT/NMSQT test to all 10th grade students free of charge in October 2026 (**Exact date to be determined**).

Listed below are some reasons why your student should consider taking the PSAT/NMSQT:

- Grade 10 pre-college testing provides a basis to increase college participation.
- The PSAT is an indicator for performance on the SAT.
- PSAT includes verbal, mathematics, and writing components; it is used as a diagnostic tool to measure strengths and weaknesses for both students and curriculum.
- The PSAT helps assess academic skills necessary for college-level work.
- For students in grade 11 the PSAT/NMSQT is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Students who meet the cut score are National Merit Semi-Finalists and can apply for Finalist status. National Merit Finalists in the State of Florida receive a full cost of attendance at any Florida State University.
- The PSAT is also a concordant score for the Algebra I EOC.
 - A score of 430 on the PSAT Math is required.

Any 10th grade parent that does not wish for their student to take the PSAT/NMSQT test in October 2026 must sign **this** letter and have the student return it to Ms. Messenger in Panther Hall, Rm 225 prior to September 18, 2026.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Messenger
Allen D. Nease High School, Testing Coordinator

Print Student Name

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Date

I request that my 10th grade student be exempt from the PSAT/NMSQT

Parent/Guardian Signature