

PSAT

Take the 2014 PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test).

- ❖ **Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014**
- ❖ **Where: Redmond High School**
- ❖ **Cost: \$15.00 for Juniors- payable to RHS, sign up with the RHS Bookkeeper.
(You can pay at the beginning of the school year as you pay for other fees.)**
- ❖ **All sophomores will take the test with the district covering the cost!**

Benefits for students taking the PSAT:

The PSAT encourages students to start planning for life after high school. The score report gives students personalized and comprehensive feedback on their test performance, including suggestions on how to improve specific academic skills.

Students receive "My College QuickStart™", a free personalized college planning kit based on their test results, with access until they graduate high school. It includes a customized SAT study plan with complete practice test, personalized list of colleges based on the student's location and preferred major, personalized lists of majors and careers and access to MyRoad™, an interactive majors, college, and career exploration program.

On average, students who take the PSAT/NMSQT earn higher scores on the SAT than those who do not.

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 (especially important for juniors)!

Student Search Service™ gives PSAT/NMSQT takers the option to receive free admission and financial aid information from colleges, universities, and scholarship programs.

The PSAT/NMSQT assesses critical reading, mathematics and writing skills that are important for success in college. The program promotes earlier and more expansive inclusion of students to increase their college-going aspirations while there is still time for students to effectively plan and prepare (especially important for sophomores).

***If you took the test as a sophomore, you need to take it again, as a junior. Only JUNIOR test scores are used for National Merit and possible scholarships!**

- ❖ **Remember- The PSAT will be given only one time, Wednesday, October 15, 2014.
The test fee is \$15.00 for juniors. Sign up with the RHS Bookkeeper.** (Fee waivers are available for eligible juniors, such as those covered by free and reduced-price lunch programs. See your counselor in September if you qualify.)
- ❖ **Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)**
The College Board must approve testing accommodations before students test. This process can take up to 8 weeks ! Communication from the district regarding requesting accommodations for the 2014 PSAT went out in April and requests were due no later than May 2nd, 2014.