

# 2016 PSAT/NMQST

Take the 2016 PSAT/NMQST (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

- **Date:** Wednesday, October 19, 2016
- **Where:** Redmond High School
- **Cost:** \$15 for Juniors- payable to RHS, sign up with the RHS Bookkeeper or online!
- All sophomores will take the test with the district covering the cost!
- **Sign Up Deadline:** October 12, 2016

## Why Should You Take the PSAT/NMQST®?

### Take an Important Step to College

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMQST) is a vital step toward reaching your college goals. It measures the reading, writing and language, and math skills you need for college and a career. After the test, you'll receive feedback on how ready you are for college along with tools to help you improve

### Free SAT Practice Powered by Khan Academy

You'll receive a unique SAT study plan based on your performance on the PSAT/NMQST that features:

- + Personalized online practice tailored to your strengths and weaknesses.
- + SAT practice questions and full-length tests.
- + Detailed feedback on your progress.

Visit [khanacademy.org/sat](http://khanacademy.org/sat) to learn more.

### Enter Scholarship Competitions

By taking the PSAT/NMQST and meeting published entry requirements, **juniors** can enter the National Merit Scholarship Program conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation. 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! Go to [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org) to learn more.

Students taking the exam now have increased access to nearly \$18 million in combined annual awards for low-income and minority students through leading scholarship providers. You should opt into Student Search Service when you take the PSAT/NMQST to benefit from these opportunities.

### Access to College Planning Resources

Your PSAT/NMQST results will connect you to valuable resources that include:

- + An interactive score report with answer explanations to help you practice for the SAT.
- + A detailed personality test to help you find majors and careers that fit your talents and interests.
- + Tools allowing you to search for and explore colleges, majors, scholarships, and more.

### Connect with Colleges That Are Interested in You

Through the Student Search Service, you can receive free information about admission and financial aid from colleges, universities, and scholarship programs that are interested in you. Just say "Yes" to the Student Search Service when you take the PSAT/NMQST.

- ❖ **Remember- The PSAT will be given only one time, Wednesday, October 19, 2015. The test fee is \$15 for juniors. Sign up with the RHS Bookkeeper no later than October 12, 2016.** (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. Communication from the district regarding requesting accommodations for the 2016 PSAT went out in January 2016 and requests were due no later than March 10, 2016.