

PSAT/NMSQT – Important Information



Exam Date: Wednesday, October 14 2020

Time: Students should arrive at 8:30am, exam begins at 9:00am

Location: North Heights Lutheran Church, 1700 Highway 96 West, Arden Hills

While we are optimistic the PSAT/NMSQT testing will occur, our primary goal will be the health and safety of our students and staff as we navigate the extraordinary circumstances related to COVID-19. We can expect the test administration will be handled differently in order to meet the requirements of the public health officials and the Minnesota Department of Education. However, we may not know the details until we receive more guidance closer to the testing date. We will continue to send updates as more information becomes available.

Transportation:

The PSAT exam will be administered off site at North Heights Lutheran Church, 1700 Highway 96 West, Arden Hills 55112. The test administration will take approximately 4 hours. Students need to arrive at the testing site by 8:30am and the test will begin at 9:00am. Bus transportation will also be available to and from the high school to the testing site. Students will board the bus at the front entrance of the high school beginning at 8:15am. The bus will depart for the testing site promptly at 8:25am. Students may also provide their own transportation to and from the testing site location.

To Prepare for Exam:

College Board has joined forces with Khan Academy to provide free SAT practice programs and resources to all students. Students can visit their website at <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>.

Prior to Exam Day: Students are expected to review the **Health and Safety PSAT Testing Guidelines**, which outlines the COVID-19 preparedness plan students and staff are required to follow on exam day. These guidelines are posted on the district website at www.moundsvIEWSchools.org > Curriculum > District Assessments > PSAT/NMSQT.

What to Bring on Exam Day:

- Face mask (must be worn during entire exam)
- Two No. 2 pencils with erasers
- An approved calculator
- Current and valid school or government-issued photo ID
- Epinephrine auto-injectors (e.g. EpiPens) are permitted without the need for accommodations. They must be placed in a clear bag and stored under the student's table during testing.

What Not to Bring on Exam Day:

- Any devices, including cell phones and smartwatches, that can be used to record, transmit, receive or play back audio, photographic, text, or video content. **Note:** Cell phones, watches and tablets must be turned off and will be collected and put away during the entire test administration. We encourage you not to bring these items at all.
- Protractors, compasses, rulers
- Pamphlets or papers of any kind
- Highlighters, colored pens, colored pencils
- Food and beverages, including bottled water, unless approved by the College Board's Services for Students with Disabilities

During the Exam:

During the test, these are the only items students may have on their table/desk:

- A test book
- An answer sheet
- No. 2 pencils with erasers
- An approved calculator (during one portion of math section only)

Turn Off All Electronic Devices:

You may not use cell phones, tablets, MP3 players, smartwatches, or other prohibited electronic devices during the test or even during breaks. Power must be turned off and these devices will be collected. If your watch has an alarm, you must turn that off as well. Prohibited devices include any device that can access the Internet. If your phone makes noise, or you are seen using it at any time (including breaks), you will be dismissed immediately, your scores will be canceled, and the device may be confiscated and its contents inspected.

For additional PSAT information, visit the district website at www.moundsvIEWSchools.org > Curriculum > District Assessments > PSAT/NMSQT or contact the District Assessment office at 651-621-6043 or email assessment@moundsvIEWSchools.org.