

Dear Parent or Guardian:

August 20, 2018

SUBJECT: October 10, 2018 PSAT/NMSQT® – Free for 10th graders

In the 2018-2019 school year, all **sophomores** in Charlotte County Public Schools will have the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT **free of charge**. Juniors will also be able to take the PSAT/NMSQT on the same date, but must register and pay \$16 for the PSAT separately. **Only Juniors** can take and use the PSAT score to qualify for consideration of the PSAT/NMSQT National Merit Scholarship recognition.

By taking the PSAT/NMSQT, your child will have access to additional SAT resources. The preparation materials will make it easier for students to navigate through numerous resources that will help prepare him/her for their future. The resources and benefits include, but are not limited to:

- customized skill based practice to increase readiness through Kahn Academy carefully crafted to improve and polish necessary academic skills;
- a personalized list of careers and potential college majors and the ability to learn about them;
- access to the College Board's interactive college and career planning website;
- an online score report, including projected SAT® score ranges, state percentiles, and the ability to sort answer explanations by difficulty and question type;
- Grade 10 pre-college testing is an indicator of performance on the SAT or ACT.
- Test results can open up discussion about future education plans that may not have been previously considered.
- The PSAT/NMSQT includes reading, writing and language and mathematics components that focus on the knowledge and skills that are most essential for college and career readiness and success; it is also used as a diagnostic tool to measure and follow student performance and pinpoint areas for development.
- PSAT/NMSQT results provide high school guidance counselors with information to help identify students who may be ready to enroll and be successful in Advanced Placement and other college preparatory courses, or identify students who may need additional instruction to do so.
- In addition, the PSAT/NMSQT now serves as a concordant/comparative score to meet the graduation requirement of passing the FSA Algebra 1 EOC

All sophomores will automatically register for the PSAT and test on October 10, 2018 unless they choose to “opt out” by completing and signing the form below. Please return the signed “opt out” form to the school guidance office by October 5, 2018.

OPT OUT FORM

My son/daughter, _____, will be a sophomore during the 2018-2019 school year and would like to “opt out” of the PSAT exam to be administered on campus Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

_____ (Parent/guardian signature)

Sincerely,

Assistant Principal for Curriculum
Charlotte High School