

October, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Rocky Hill High School, we believe in creating as many opportunities as possible for our students to own their future. That is why we offer the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) to our students. Whether your child is thinking about attending a two-year or four-year college, is going straight into the workforce, or isn't sure what they want to do after high school, the PSAT/NMSQT can help make their path clearer.

The Rocky Hill Board of Education will be providing an opportunity for all sophomores and juniors to take the PSAT/ NMSQT and freshmen will take the PSAT 8/9 during the school hours and without charge. Students will be registered by the school for this test. Students will need to bring fully charged chromebooks and chargers to school on test day.

Test Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024

All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are expected to report to school at 7:35 AM and will take the PSAT in their assigned test room (typically their homeroom unless told otherwise). The testing period will last approximately 2 1/2 - 3 hours. After testing a modified schedule will follow (periods 5-9). **Seniors** should report to school at 10:44 AM at the start of period 5. There will be no additional transportation provided to seniors this day. Seniors have the option to take the regular morning bus to school and report to the cafeteria for an extended study hall until testing is completed for grades 9-11.

Results from the PSAT/ NMSQT provide insights into your child's academic strengths, along with areas they can work on while still in high school. If your child took the PSAT 8/9, they'll see their progress from one test to the next.

Taking the PSAT/NMSQT can also help your child to:

- Enter the [National Merit Scholarship Program](#) if they meet program requirements specified in the PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide.
- Understanding your skills and knowledge and which areas to focus on improving.
- Practice and prepare for the SAT
- Find out what AP courses they are ready to take.
- Connect to their future career. Plan and pay for college.

This fall the PSAT will be administered in a digital format followed by the SAT in the spring of 2025 that will provide an overall easier testing experience. Your child will take the PSAT on October 23, 2024, using their own school-issued device. [Watch this video](#) to see what students can expect from the digital PSAT/NMSQT. Freshman can access the [PSAT 8/9 Student Guide](#) for more detailed information about the test as well as practice information. Sophomores and

Juniors can access the [PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide](#) as well as National Merit and practice information.

If you have any questions regarding the PSAT test administration, please call the school counseling department at 860-258-7724.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Fote', is placed on a light gray rectangular background.

John Fote, Principal