



## REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE PSAT/NMSQT - OCTOBER 17, 2020



Dear Students and Parents:

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is a great tool for students considering college. The PSAT/NMSQT measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills and writing skills. Waterford High School recommends that students take the PSAT/NMSQT in order to receive feedback about strengths and weaknesses, enter the competition for National Merit Scholarships (11th graders) and to help prepare for the SAT.

**On October 17, Waterford High School is offering the PSAT/NMSQT for Waterford High School Students in Grades 10 and 11.** This is the official junior PSAT and, yes, it is being held on a Saturday. As this is a test designed for--and more important to--11th graders, they get first priority. We encourage all juniors to take this test as preparation for the SAT in March. Sophomores will take the PSAT 10 in March (free of charge) but we know a select few may want to have both opportunities. For the 2020 PSAT, students at Waterford High School will be registering online through APTS (Achievement Point Test Service), a nationally recognized service fee management program that supports schools with the exam registration process. This registration will take a few minutes and can be completed from any computer or cell phone with internet access.

Online Exam registration will begin on Friday, Sep 18, 2020 and will end on Wed, Oct 9, 2020. In order to register, students should click on the following link: <http://aptsusa.com/waterford> to register. To complete registration, students must answer all of the required questions.

Waterford High School is excited to offer families the convenience of paying exam fees online at the time of registration. Please be sure to have a **debit or credit card available before beginning registration**. Personal checks are an option, but you are not guaranteed a spot until payment is received. Paying online is a great way to make sure that payment has been made while avoiding mailing payment. The cost of the PSAT is \$35.

We are limited in the amount of tests we can offer so this is a 'first come, first served' affair. In other words, please sign up ASAP to guarantee a seat for yourself on 10/17. The test is free for those juniors on free/reduced lunch. We will make announcements throughout the next month to remind students to sign up. **Registration closes on October 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Here are the important dates for the registration process:

- Fri, Sep 18, 2020 - Registration Begins for juniors
- Mon, Sept 28, 2020 – Registration opens for sophomores (juniors can still continue to register)
- Wed, Oct 9, 2020\* - Registration Ends \*We will not be able to accommodate late registrants, though a \$5 late will be incurred, should space allow, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Wed, Oct 13, 2020 - Registrations that have not been paid for will be canceled and exams will not be ordered.

**After registering:** Students should bring proof of registration to the WHS School Counseling Office, and Ms. Leslie, our school counseling secretary, will provide registered students with a free test prep guide.

**Day of Testing, 10/17:** Student room assignments will be posted and announced in the days prior to the October 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday morning test. Check in starts at 7:15 am in the WHS **2<sup>nd</sup> floor lobby**, testing begins at 8am (ending approximately at 11:45am). **ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES!!!** Please follow all of the guidelines posted when you arrive. Students should bring number 2 pencils and a calculator. If you have any questions, please call or email your school counselor.

Sincerely,

*Kelly B. White*  
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*Waterford High School*