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PSAT INFORMATION

PSAT*(Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

The PSAT/NMSQT, a short form of the SAT, measures critical reading, mathematical problem solving, and writing skills. It serves four purposes:

- allows students to compare their academic abilities with other college-bound students at their specific grade level;
- familiarizes students with the SAT,
- allows college-bound juniors to compete for National Merit Scholarships when taken as a junior, and
- identifies potential success in AP courses for sophomores and juniors through “AP Potential”.

The test is offered only in October and should be taken by all juniors in order to qualify for NMSQT. To make the best possible use of PSAT/NMSQT results, review the “Report of Student Answers” to determine how you performed on each type of question. Noting the kinds of mistakes made can help you identify your areas of weakness and assist you in planning SAT preparation.