



May 13, 2016

Dear Freshmen Parents and Students:

During the 2016-2017 school year, all Spotsylvania high schools will be administering the PSAT/NMSQT test to every 10th grade student free of charge. The test date is Wednesday, October 19, 2016 and we will remind you of this opportunity at a later time. Of course, students in 9th, and 11th grade may also take the PSAT/NMQST; however, they will be charged a nominal fee by their schools for the test.

Listed below are some reasons why all students will take the PSAT/NMQST:

- Grade 10 pre-college testing provides a basis to increase college participation.
- The PSAT is an indicator for performance on the SAT.
- PSAT includes verbal, mathematics, and writing components; it is used as a diagnostic tool to measure strengths and weaknesses for both students and curriculum.
- The PSAT helps assess academic skills necessary for college-level work.
- The PSAT in grade 10 is practice for the actual PSAT in 11th grade which doubles as a scholarship competition.

If you have a student with an IEP or 504 plan, test accommodations can only be provided if the College Board approves them. They do have strict guidelines and deadlines. Therefore, if you desire accommodations please sign the attached consent form (on the reverse side) and return it to the school counseling office. This form must be returned on or before June 30th.

Sincerely,

The School Counseling Department