

ALBERT EINSTEIN HIGH SCHOOL

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September 10, 2010

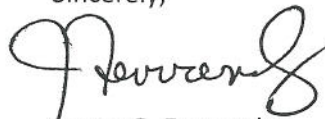
Dear Parents/Guardians of Eleventh Grade Students:

On Wednesday, October 13, 2010, we will administer the PSAT test – a critical measure of college readiness -- to eleventh grade students that register for the assessment. Last year, Montgomery County Public Schools paid for all tenth grade tests. The fee for eleventh grade students is \$13.00. We encourage you to register your child for a number of reasons:

- The PSAT is the best preparation for the SAT. Students will receive a score report that will detail their strengths and weaknesses.
- Scholarship opportunities are made available through this testing. Students who take the test in 11th grade and meet other program entry requirements may enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation programs. Other special opportunities for students who take the PSAT in 11th grade include the National Hispanic Recognition Program.
- Students who take the test will receive free access to an online college and career planning tool that contains customized information. We will be offering the Triumph Program free to all students. Students who spend 10 hours working with this program have seen score gains of 200 points on the SAT.

To register, students must complete and return the enclosed form and payment to the main office no later than 2:15 p.m., Friday, September 17. Financial assistance is available. If you have any questions, please contact SAT Coordinator, Thomas Curley, at 301-929-2200.

Sincerely,



James G. Fernandez
Principal

Perspectiva de los Padres PSAT/NMSQT®

2010

Fecha: Octubre 13, 2010

Lugar: Einstein High School

Hora: 7:25 am

Costo: Grade 11 (13.00), Grade 10 (gratis)

Para más información comuníquese con: Mr. Tom Curley

301-929-2200

Preguntas más frecuentes

1. ¿Por qué deben los estudiantes tomar el PSAT/NMSQT®?

El PSAT/NMSQT es una excelente preparación para la prueba de razonamiento del SAT®. Los estudiantes de 11mo. grado que lo toman, y que llenan otros requisitos, podrían participar en los programas de becas de National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Todos los estudiantes que toman el PSAT/NMSQT recibirán un informe de resultados oficial. Ellos recibirán sus resultados en lectura crítica, matemáticas, y redacción y verán como comparan con los de otros estudiantes en todo el país. Los estudiantes podrán ver lo qué sacaron bien y en qué fallaron. Ellos recibirán también un informe personalizado sobre las académicas específicas que necesita atención junto.

Los estudiantes que toman el examen recibirán acceso gratis a My College QuickStart™, un herramienta de la Internet para planificación de universidades y carreras que contiene: un PSAT/NMSQT informe de resultados; un My SAT Study Plan™ personalizado; y listas personalizadas de universidades, concentraciones y carreras. Para más información, visite www.collegeboard.com/quickstart.

Entre las oportunidades especiales para los estudiantes de 11mo. grado que toman el PSAT/NMSQT, se halla el programa nacional de reconocimiento a hispanos o National Hispanic Recognition Program. Para más información vea al consejero académico del estudiante o visite www.collegeboard.com.

2. ¿Quién debe tomar el PSAT/NMSQT?

Generalmente los estudiantes toman el PSAT/NMSQT en el 11mo. grado de secundaria. También es beneficioso que estudiantes más

jóvenes tomen el examen, para empezar desde temprano a mejorar las destrezas académicas necesarias para el éxito universitario y profesional. El año pasado más de la mitad de los participantes eran del 10mo. grado o menores.

3. ¿Qué hay que hacer para prepararse para este examen?

Las preguntas del examen se basan en lo que se aprende en clase, así que la mejor manera de prepararse es tomar cursos rigurosos y familiarizarse con el examen y su formato. Los estudiantes deben repasar la guía *PSAT/NMSQT Official Student Guide*, que está repleta de información útil y tiene incluso un examen de práctica completo. Esta guía y su examen de práctica ayudarán a los estudiantes a entender las instrucciones del examen y familiarizarse con los tipos de preguntas que se les va a hacer.

4. ¿Si el estudiante no sale bien en este examen, le perjudicará en sus posibilidades de entrar a la universidad?

No, en lo absoluto. En todo caso, el PSAT/NMSQT aumentará sus posibilidades, pues provee información personalizada sobre los tipos de destrezas que el estudiante necesita mejorar para prepararse para el SAT y para la universidad. Los resultados del PSAT/NMSQT no se envían a las universidades.

5. ¿Cuántas veces puede un estudiante tomar este examen?

Sólo una vez al año, pero no hay límite en cuanto al número de años en que puede participar. Es sumamente importante que los estudiantes de 11mo. grado tomen el examen para participar en el certamen de becas de la National Merit Scholarship Corporation, además de prepararse para el SAT.

6. ¿Qué es el Student Search Service®, y deben los estudiantes poner "Yes"?

Cuando los estudiantes toman el PSAT/NMSQT, se les pregunta si quieren participar en el servicio de listado de estudiantes Student Search Service del College Board, un servicio gratuito que les suministra nombres de estudiantes a entidades educativas certificadas. Al decidir participar, el estudiante autoriza a las universidades, programas de becas, y organizaciones de oportunidades educativas, a enviar información sobre las oportunidades educativas y de ayuda económica que ofrecen. La información del estudiante es estrictamente controlada y segura, y los resultados individuales de la prueba PSAT/NMSQT nunca se divulgan a entidades externas.

7. ¿Cuándo podemos esperar ver los resultados del PSAT/NMSQT?

Las escuelas recibirán el informe de resultados en diciembre, y notificarán a los estudiantes sobre cuándo, cómo y dónde obtener sus resultados individuales. La escuela recibe también una copia adicional para el expediente del estudiante.

8. ¿Qué más deben estar haciendo los estudiantes para tener la opción de ir a la universidad luego de que se gradúen?

Mire el calendario que aparece al reverso de este folleto. En www.collegeboard.com hallará más información sobre el PSAT/NMSQT, My College QuickStart, la planificación para la universidad y su financiación, así como información sobre otros programas del College Board, tales como el SAT y el programa de adelanto escolar Advanced Placement Program®.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why should students take the PSAT/NMSQT®?

The PSAT/NMSQT is the best preparation for the SAT®. Students who take the test in 11th grade and meet other program entry requirements may enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation programs.

All students who take the PSAT/NMSQT will receive an official score report. They will receive scores in critical reading, mathematics and writing skills and will see how their scores compare to those of other students across the country. Students will be able to see which answers they got right or wrong. They will also receive information about how they performed on specific academic skills.

Students who take the test will receive free access to My College QuickStart™, an online college and career planning tool that contains an online PSAT/NMSQT Score Report; a customized My SAT Study Plan™; a personality test; and personalized lists of colleges, majors and careers. For more information, visit www.collegeboard.com/quickstart.

Other special opportunities for students who take the PSAT/NMSQT in 11th grade include the National Hispanic Recognition Program. For more information, see your student's counselor or visit www.collegeboard.com.

2. Who should take the PSAT/NMSQT?

Typically, students take the PSAT/NMSQT in grade 11 of high school. It is also beneficial for younger students to take the test to get a head start on improving academic skills needed for success in college and beyond. Last year, more than half of all test-takers were in grade 10 or younger.

3. What should be done to prepare for this test?

Classroom learning is the basis for test questions, so the best way students can prepare is by taking rigorous courses and becoming familiar with the test and its format. Students should review the *PSAT/NMSQT Official Student Guide*, which is full of useful information, including a full-length practice test. The *Guide* and the practice test will help students understand all the directions and be familiar with the types of questions that will be asked.

4. If students don't do well on this test, will it hurt their chances of getting into college?

Absolutely not. If anything, the PSAT/NMSQT will improve their chances, since it provides personalized information on the types of skills that the student needs to improve to prepare for the SAT and college. PSAT/NMSQT scores are not sent to colleges.

5. How many times may a student take this test?

Only once a year, but there is no limit to how many years a student may participate. It is important that 11th-grade students take the test to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation competitions, as well as to prepare for the SAT.

6. What is Student Search Service®, and should students check "Yes"?

When students take the PSAT/NMSQT, they are asked if they would like to participate in the College Board's Student Search Service®, a free service that provides names of students to certified educational organizations. If students choose to participate, they allow colleges, universities, scholarship programs and educational opportunity organizations to send information about the educational and financial aid opportunities they offer. Student information is strictly monitored and secure, and individual PSAT/NMSQT test scores are never shared with any outside entity.

7. When may we expect to see the results from the PSAT/NMSQT?

Schools will receive score reports in December and will notify students regarding when, where and how to get their individual reports. Schools also receive an extra copy for the student's file.

8. What else should students be doing to have college as an option after graduation?

Refer to the calendar on the back of this flyer.

At www.collegeboard.com, you'll find more information about the PSAT/NMSQT, My College QuickStart, and planning and paying for college, as well as information on other College Board programs, such as the SAT and the Advanced Placement Program®.

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**PSAT Examination Registration for JUNIORS ONLY
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Return this form and fee to the Main Office (room 104A) no later than 2:15 pm Friday 17, September 2010.

Please Print Students Name Legibly

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MCPS ID # _____

The cost is \$13.00 PSAT exam for which you are registering your JUNIOR.

- Payment by check or money order should be payable to Albert Einstein High School.
- Return this form and fee to the Main Office(room104a) no later than **2:15 pm Friday 17, September 2009**
- If you have questions, contact Thomas Curley: Thomas_R_Curley@mcpsmd.org Ph: 301-929-2200

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Phone # _____ Date _____

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PSAT TEST FEE WAIVER APPLICATION 2010

If you meet one or more of the guidelines listed below, complete and return this form below ASAP but no later than September 17, 2010 to Thomas Curley in the main office room 104a to be considered for a fee waiver.

Any student who orders an exam must sit for that exam or be responsible for paying a \$13 test return fee, which is the unused exam fee charged to the school.

THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS FORM WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

Name of Student _____ MCPS ID # _____

Please check the appropriate item to indicate your student's eligibility for financial assistance:

My student is eligible for the free or reduced lunch program.

My family receives assistance under Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act.

My student is eligible to receive medical assistance under the Medicaid Program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

My student is a member of a family whose taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 185% of the poverty level as established by the US Census Bureau. The table below lists annual family incomes, by family size at 185% of the poverty level.

<u>Size of Family Unit</u>	<u>Annual Family Income (not to exceed this amount)</u>
1	\$20,036
2	\$26,955
3	\$33,874
4	\$40,793
5	\$47,712
6	\$54,631
7	\$61,550
8	\$68,469
For each additional person add:	\$ 6,919

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

If payment of PSAT fee constitutes a financial hardship for your family, **AEHS will work with you to address your family's needs.** If you have any questions please contact Tom Curley 301-929-2200 Thomas_R_Curley@mcpsmd.org