



ARETE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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SUBJECT: October 2019 PSAT/NMSQT® Wednesday, October 16th, 2019

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Arete Prep will administer the PSAT to all 9th, 10th and 11th graders on Wednesday, October 16th, 2019, during the school day. The purpose of the test is to give all students an opportunity to experience taking a college readiness test and for 11th graders, to participate in the National Merit Scholar Program. Your child has already been registered for this test and associated fees will be covered by your college contribution fee.

We ask that your student come to school prepared with #2 pencils, calculator (graphing or scientific), water and a snack. The test will be administered during the day in lieu of classes. Information about assigned testing locations on campus will be provided to all students the week prior to testing.

Preparation for the test is not necessary for 9th and 10th grade. College counselors will be meeting with 9th and 10th grade to debrief students on the exam and provide them with details on how to approach the exam if it is their first time taking the test. Colleges do not see your students PSAT scores. This test is used by College Counseling as a benchmark assessment.

Test prep is encouraged for 11th graders who will most likely take an SAT in the spring of their Junior year. If you are interested in preparing for this test, please refer to the resources below which include links to free online resources:

- CollegeBoard.org <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>
- Khan Academy- Students can link their PSAT from last year to the site and received custom test prep online for free <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
- Kaplan Test Prep <https://www.kaptest.com/psat/free/psat-prep-live>
- Kaplan Free Practice Quizzes <https://www.kaptest.com/study/psat/psat-free-practice-quizzes/>

Please note that 9th and 10th graders are not eligible for the National Merit Qualifying Scholarships. Only 11th grade students may be identified as National Merit Scholars based on their PSAT/NMSQT® score.

Your student's Score Report for the PSAT/NMSQT® will arrive here at school this winter for distribution. If you would like additional information about the PSAT/NMSQT® and how it will be administered at our school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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