

Important Testing Information regarding the PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 16

This year the PSAT/NMSQT will be given to all juniors in Portage Central High School on Wednesday, October 16, beginning first thing in the morning at 7:40 a.m.

Why are we giving the PSAT/NMSQT to our juniors?

1. The PSAT is the best preparation for the SAT, which is now the State of Michigan required college-readiness test that will be given in Spring 2020.
2. Students who take this test in 11th grade and meet other program entry requirements may enter National Merit Scholarship programs. Some area employers (Pfizer, UPS, Zoetis, Macy's, etc) have scholarships that are associated with this test as well.
3. Results from this test will be used to target instruction for students during their junior year.

Other important information:

This test will be open only to Juniors, as Freshman and Sophomores will be taking the PSAT 9 and PSAT 10, respectively, in Spring 2020.

Counseling staff will meet with juniors in early October to get students registered for this important test, give out a study guide and other important information.

There is only one test date, October 16, so if your student is not in attendance that day, there is no makeup testing. So please make plans for your junior to be well-rested, fueled up with a good breakfast and ready to test!

Juniors who have a morning off-campus EFE/EFA class will NOT attend their EFE/EFA class on October 16. Afternoon EFE/EFA classes will run as usual.

Juniors who attend KAMSC--KAMSC will have classes same as usual on October 16, but the test will not conclude until 11:20, so students may be a few minutes late to class.

Please also note that buses run on a normal regular schedule on test day.

To learn more about the PSAT/NMSQT, please visit www.nationalmerit.org.

If your student is a 9th, 10th, or 12th grader, please note--NO SCHOOL in the morning on Wednesday, October 16. Classes will begin for all students, 9th-12th, at the beginning of 5th hour, 11:22 a.m. Please see detailed testing schedule below.

For questions, please email our Test Coordinator Trish King at Tking@portageps.org

Testing Schedule for October 16, 2019 PSAT/NMSQT for All Juniors

	Wednesday 10/16/2019
9th grade	<p align="center">No school in the morning☺ Late start for classes (see below) If you have to ride morning bus, you will need to stay in PC Commons during testing.</p>
10th grade	<p align="center">No school in the morning☺ Late start for classes (see below) If you have to ride morning bus, you will need to stay in PC Commons during testing.</p>
11th grade	<p align="center">PSAT/NMSQT for all 11th grade 7:40 a.m. testing begins Classes start after testing</p>
12th grade	<p align="center">No school in the morning☺ Late start for classes (see below) If you have to ride morning bus, you will need to stay in PC Commons during testing.</p>
All students:	<p>Classes begin at 11:22 for all students: 11:22-12:47 5th Hour 12:52-1:43 6th Hour 1:48-2:40 7th Hour</p>