

## PSAT Testing Information

You have signed up to take the 2020 PSAT. This is your PSAT Student Guide. Please use the student guide to get more information on preparing for the PSAT. There is a practice test included along with test taking tips.

The PSAT will be administered on **Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at Springfield Middle School.**

**Check-in** will start at **8:00am** and **close** at **8:30am** with the **actual test starting at 8:45am.** Check-in will be in the BACK of the school building. No parents are permitted in the building. Once testing begins, students will NOT be admitted into the testing room. There is NO make-up exam and NO refund will be given for a missed exam.

Testing should last approximately 3 hours and end around 12pm. All Students should be picked up in the Back of the school in the bus rider loop. We will have procedures similar to pick up in the afternoon during a regular school day. Please have the name(s) of the student(s) written on a car rider tag provided or piece of paper on your dashboard for us to call students' names. We appreciate your patience during the dismissal process as we want to make sure we adhere to safe guidelines.

The day of testing, you will be filling out demographic information. Please be sure you know your address, phone numbers, and a **parent email address** (if you want notification when score reports will be available online) for completing the precoding information.

In preparation for the PSAT, know that all questions on the Math portion can be solved without a calculator, however, if you want to use a **calculator** on the PSAT, you will need to provide your own. See **pg. 26** in your Student Guide for a list of acceptable calculators. Calculators will NOT be provided.

### **What to bring testing day:**

Pencils – NO mechanical pencils; bring #2 standard pencils

Calculator

Dress in layers (Rooms might be cold/warm, so layers will make sure you are comfortable. Dress Code applies)

Mask

### **What NOT to bring:**

- **NO CELL PHONES** – even if cell phones are turned off, they are NOT permitted in the testing room or with your belongings. Please be sure that you do **NOT** bring cell phones or smart watches on test day.
- NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES of ANY KIND!
- NO FOOD is permitted in the testing room. Water bottles are permitted but MUST be in a clear container with no label.
- NO books, notes, or review materials
- NO highlighters, mechanical pencils, correction fluid, or scratch paper

Social Distancing rules will be followed on the day of testing. Students MUST bring and wear a **mask**. Students not wearing a mask will not be admitted for testing and no refund will be given. A mask will NOT be provided.

If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Drakeford ([drakefordp@fortmillschools.org](mailto:drakefordp@fortmillschools.org)) in the Guidance Department.

## PSAT at SMS - Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM

### Things to bring or do:

#2 Pencils with erasers

Graphing or scientific calculator

Get a good night's sleep the night before testing

Eat a good breakfast the morning of testing

*Practice your signature (writing your name in cursive)*

*Know your complete address including house number, street name & zip code*

**SMARTWATCHES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE WORN IN THE TESTING ROOM**

**DO NOT BRING CELLPHONES INTO THE TESTING ROOM**

### What to know about the PSAT/NMSQT:

**Pre-Administration Time:** 20 - 30 minutes

**Actual Test Time:** 2 hours 45 minutes

No penalty for guessing or blank responses also known as "rights-only scoring"

Personalized SAT® practice through Khan Academy®

Scale ranges for the scores are 320 – 1520 for the total score

### Know How the PSAT/NMSQT® Is Scored Rights-Only Scoring

1 point for each correct answer 0 points deducted for each incorrect or blank question

**Math Grid-ins:** You can enter answers as (reduced) fractions or decimals

If rounding a decimal, make sure to use every box

**Scale:** 160 – 760 for each test section

320 – 1520 for the total score

### Personal Score Report

The PSAT/NMSQT® Score Report Contains information to help students improve academic skills.

Lists skills that students have the best chance of improving with additional work.

Connects to personalized practice recommendations on Khan Academy.

Score reports are expected to be delivered to the school sometime in January 2021.

**DO YOUR BEST BUT DO NOT STRESS!!!!!!**