

## MEDLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Important Information - PSAT Exam



October 7, 2019

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents and Students,

On October 16, 2019, all eighth graders will take the PSAT exam at Medlin. Taking the PSAT can encourage a student to start thinking about life after high school, about college and career goals, and about the education needed to reach those goals.

**Every Northwest ISD 8th grader is automatically registered to participate in the PSAT 8/9.** Students will arrive at school with their current school ID and multiple #2 pencils with erasers. Testing should be complete after 1:15 pm. Students will eat their lunch from 1:15-1:45 PM after the test is complete. Students are allowed to bring a healthy, dry snack (no peanut/tree nut products please) and water in the testing room. Please note, no lunch deliveries will be accepted as our campus will be "closed" to all visitors on October 16.

Students can prepare for this exam by reviewing the information in the PSAT/NMSQT student guide that is available electronically to all 8th grade students. In the student guide, there is a PSAT practice test for students to prepare. Additional PSAT practice tests are available through Khan Academy and Family Connections. The PSAT/NMSQT has been redesigned to mirror the redesigned SAT.

Khan Academy, partnering with College Board, released free interactive practice programs to support students to familiarize themselves with the redesigned exam. The customized test preparation will offer skill based videos to support the redesigned key changes for students who take the PSAT/NMSQT.

Northwest ISD provides all students the academic opportunities needed to prepare them for college and beyond. Participation in the PSAT is an important step in preparing for college. Taking the PSAT provides the following advantages to students:

- It measures the reading, math, and writing skills needed for college (and for success in most jobs and careers in today's world). After the test, a score report will tell students how their skills measure up.
- Prepares students for the new redesigned SAT.
- The Student Search Service gives PSAT test takers the option to voluntarily place their names and addresses in a pool of college-bound students interested in receiving admission and financial aid information from certified colleges, universities and scholarship agencies.
- Provides practice recommendations on Khan Academy.
- Practice for future years when juniors who score well may qualify for National Merit Recognition and Scholarships.
- It provides valuable information to parents and students on student potential for advanced academics in high school.

Score Reports are released to the district by PSAT and distributed by the campus around February 2019. Along with the score reports, PSAT test takers will receive a unique access code to gain access to an online score-reporting portal. From there students have access to all the college and career exploration programs available on College Board, including personalized SAT study recommendations from the Khan Academy. If you have questions about this opportunity, please email Ashley Kahler (Asst. Principal) [akahler@nisdtx.org](mailto:akahler@nisdtx.org).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paige Cantrell".

**Paige Cantrell - Principal, Medlin Middle School**

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