Why We're Offering the PSAT/NMSQT

At Kearns Academy, we believe in creating as many opportunities as possible for our students to own their futures. That's why we offer the PSAT/NMSQT® (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) to our students. Whether they're thinking about attending a two- or four-year college, going straight into the workforce, or aren't sure what they want to do after high school, the PSAT/NMSQT can help make the path clearer for students.

Results from the PSAT/NMSQT give both students and teachers insights into each student's academic strengths, along with areas they can work on while still in high school.

Taking the PSAT/NMSQT can also help our students to:

- Enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program if they meet program requirements specified in the PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide.
- See where they are and set a target for where they want to be.
- Practice and prepare for the SAT®.
- Find out what AP® courses they're ready to take.
- Plan and pay for college.
- Connect to their future career.

This fall the PSAT/NMSQT will be administered in a new digital format that will provide an overall easier testing experience for students. The SAT, which is administered nationally on select Saturdays, will follow in spring 2024 and will also be offered in a digital format. Students will take the PSAT/NMSQT on October 11, 2023 using their own school-issued device. Watch this video to see what students can expect from the digital PSAT/NMSQT.

Students will have the opportunity prior to this date to log into the testing app during the school day and preview the app functionality and tools. Students are encouraged to take a full-length practice test at home prior to test day. Students should also be sure to fully charge their device before test day. Please feel free to reach out to Margaret Wilmoth at (336) 885-7905 or wilmotm@gcsnc.com with any questions you or your student have about the PSAT/NMSQT.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide