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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will take the **Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test** on **October 16, 2019**. This is an assessment administered to 10th- and 11th-grade students that helps prepare them for the SAT, college, and careers. Historically, students who take the PSAT/NMSQT score higher on the SAT, on average, than those who do not take the test. The following are other key benefits of the PSAT/NMSQT.

- Grade 10/11 Pre-college testing is an indicator of performance on the SAT or ACT.
- The PSAT/NMSQT includes reading, mathematics, and writing and language components that focus on the knowledge and skills that are most essential for college and career readiness and success; it is also used as a diagnostic tool to measure and follow student performance and pinpoint areas for development.
- The program can help identify each student's potential for academic success at the postsecondary level.
- Test results provide high school guidance counselors with information to help identify students who may be ready to enroll and be successful in Advanced Placement and other college preparatory courses, or identify students who may need additional instruction to do so.

Students can also meet Florida Algebra 1 End-of-Course Assessment graduation requirement if a comparative math score is used. More information related to statewide assessment graduation requirements is available at <http://fldoe.org/academics>.

Additionally, students who take the PSAT/NMSQT in 11th grade typically can compete for recognition and scholarships through the National Merit® Scholarship Program, which honors academically talented students throughout the United States. Through the PSAT/NMSQT, our other scholarship partners identify students qualified to apply for scholarships and recognition programs.

For additional information, including practice tests and sample questions regarding this assessment, please refer to the PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide or visit the CollegeBoard website at <http://collegeboard.org>.

Please review the following calculator tips & policy with your student before testing:

Calculator tips for PSAT/NMSQT:

- Students are strongly encouraged to bring a calculator to the PSAT/NMSQT on test day, whether or not they plan to use it.
- Take a calculator you are comfortable using. Do not buy a new one just for the test.
- Do not try to use the calculator on every question. Not every question requires one.
- Decide how to solve each problem before deciding whether to use a calculator.
- Practice sample questions with a calculator on hand.

Calculator Policy

- **Refer to the PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide for a complete listing of approved calculators.**
- **Your device may NOT be** a pocket organizer, hand-held or laptop computer, electronic writing pad, tablet, or pen input device, calculator with a QWERTY (typewriter-like) keypad, calculator with paper tape, calculator that makes noises or "talks", calculator with a power cord or that requires an outlet.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Justin Seabolt at Justin.seabolt@osceolaschools.net or 407-933-3903.

If you would like your child to **NOT** participate in the PSAT test, please contact Dr. Seabolt at Justin.seabolt@osceolaschools.net by October 4, 2019.

Thank you,

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