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Why We're Offering the PSAT/NMSQT

Charlotte County Public Schools believes in creating as many opportunities as possible for our students to own their future. 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 digital SAT will follow in spring 2024. All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students are offered the opportunity to sit for the PSAT/NMSQT, and the majority of students can participate free of test fees!

For additional information about the PSAT/NMSQT or college and career planning, please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

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