

**The cost for the PSAT is \$18 and payment must be received by August 21<sup>st</sup> which is paid by using the link on the Manatee High School website.**

August 12th, 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian of a 9<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Student;

Manatee High School is providing 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to take a standardized assessment to gauge their college readiness. This is an opportunity for students and parents to gain information regarding a student's potential success meeting college readiness benchmarks and university admission criteria based on a nationally normed test. This is an optional test and is not a graduation requirement. Any 11<sup>th</sup> grader that would like to be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program needs to take the PSAT.

The School District of Manatee County has chosen to use the PSAT/NMSQT for this assessment opportunity, which aligns with the SAT, a college entrance exam used by most colleges and universities. This assessment will be administered during the school day on October 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. The PSAT/NMSQT is more than just a test – it is a comprehensive program that helps schools put students on the path to college. PSAT/NMSQT benefits include:

- encouraging participation in Advanced Placement courses
- supporting college and career planning
- preparing students for the SAT and providing access to personalized recommendations for instruction and practice to help students fill their knowledge gaps through Khan Academy
- providing scholarship opportunities when students participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade (National Merit Scholarship Program)

While the information received from this assessment is valuable and relevant, there is also an understanding of the substantial time set aside for required testing throughout the school year. **In consideration of this, if you would like your student to take advantage of this opportunity, you will need to pay \$18 by using the link on the Manatee High School website by August 21<sup>st</sup>, by paying for the test you will automatically be registered to take the PSAT. If you would like to request SLD accommodations (existing ESE students only). Please e-mail Sarah Sandberg at [sandbergs@manateeschools.net](mailto:sandbergs@manateeschools.net) as well as return the following form to Mrs. Sandberg by August 21<sup>st</sup>.**

If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Gage @ [gagec@manateeschools.net](mailto:gagec@manateeschools.net)

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Test Date/Location/Time:** Wednesday, October 22nd or 23rd/MHS/7:30 am

**I request my student:**

- ☐ **Yes, I would like to request for student SLD Accommodations (existing ESE students only)**

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**Parent Signature**

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**Date**

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**Parent Name (printed)**

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**Phone Number**

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED FORM TO Mrs. Sandberg, NO LATER THAN MONDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 AND PAY FOR THE PSAT/NMSQT.**