



Desert Mountain High School

Home of the Wolves

Dear Sophomore Parent and Student:

The College Board and the Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) have entered into a partnership to provide your student with a wonderful opportunity. On **Wednesday, October 19, 2016**, all of Scottsdale Unified School District's sophomores will take the PSAT assessment. We feel strongly that this test will provide parents, students, and the District with valuable information concerning your student's academic progress and potential. Since it is so important that all eligible sophomore students in the District have access to this opportunity, the PSAT is being offered free of charge, during the regular school day.

Taking the PSAT is a great way to prepare for the SAT test. The PSAT assesses critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills. Test scores will be used to support sophomores in building a solid foundation for future academic and career success and provide information needed to help students measure their current academic development.

Prior to testing day, utilize the Student Guide and practice materials provided to you prior to Fall Break. Please check room assignments, which will be posted on the glass windows outside the front office.

On test day, please arrive prepared by following these guidelines:

- Arrive to your assigned testing room by 7:40am.
 - Bring your DMHS Student ID.
 - Bring standard #2 pencils. Mechanical pencils are not allowed.
 - Bring a College Board approved calculator (See p. 24 in the Student Guide.)
- IMPORTANT NOTE: Test questions are designed to be answered successfully without a calculator, if students do not have an approved model.*

IMPORTANT NOTE: Electronic devices of any sort will not be allowed during the testing session, even if you have finished the exam.

For more information please visit the PSAT website: <https://www.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt>.

PSAT testing will start promptly at **7:45 a.m.** and lunch will be available for testers. Busses will make a second run 3¹/₂ hours after the usual time for students who are not testing. Non-testers should eat prior to arriving on campus. Please check the Desert Mountain High School website for detailed schedule information.

Thank you,

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