



# ARETE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## A Great Hearts Academy

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**SUBJECT: October 2018 PSAT/NMSQT® Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Arete Prep will administer the PSAT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) to all 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, during the school day. Your child has already been registered for this test and associated fees have already been paid.

The purpose of the PSAT test is to give all students an opportunity to experience taking a college readiness test and, for 11<sup>th</sup> graders, to participate in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Additionally, this test assists in preparation for the SAT, which 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take in spring.

We ask that your student come to school prepared with #2 pencils, calculator (graphing or scientific), water and a snack. The test will be administered during the first part of the day in lieu of classes. Lunch and formal classes will follow in the afternoon. Information about assigned testing locations on campus will be provided to all students the week prior to testing.

Preparation for the test is not necessary for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade, but is encouraged for 11<sup>th</sup> graders. If you are interested in preparing for this test, please refer to the next page that accompanies this letter. Students may also see College Counseling for additional test prep resources. Free resources may also be accessed online through [Collegeboard.org](http://Collegeboard.org) (PSAT/NMSQT tab).

Please note that 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders are not eligible for the National Merit Qualifying Scholarships. Only 11<sup>th</sup> grade students may qualify or be identified as National Merit Scholars based on their PSAT/NMSQT® score.

Your student's Score Report for the PSAT/NMSQT® will arrive at Arete this winter for distribution. If you would like additional information about the PSAT/NMSQT® and how it will be administered at our school, please do not hesitate to contact College Counseling.

Sincerely,

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## Test Prep Resources for the PSAT

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Free Online Test Prep Events through Kaplan

<https://www.kaptest.com/sat/free/practice>

Princeton Review PSAT Preparation:

<https://www.princetonreview.com/college/free-psat-practice-test#!practice>

Free Collegeboard Test Prep:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice/full-length-practice-tests>

Additional FREE test prep sites include:

- <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>



Last year, Great Hearts began working with Varsity Tutors for test preparation (PSAT, SAT and ACT). To review offered test prep and tutoring services, visit: <https://success.varsitytutors.com/great-hearts/>

## Test Prep Booklets for purchase for the PSAT

The following are a sampling of test prep books available for the PSAT, if families are interested in purchasing study materials.

- [Barron's NEW PSAT/NMSQT, 18th Edition Review](#)
- [Kaplan PSAT/NMSQT 2017 Strategies, Practice & Review](#)
- [Princeton Review Cracking the PSAT/NMSQT, 2017 Edition Review](#)
- [PSAT Prep 2018: Study Guide Prep Book & Practice Test Questions for the College Board PSAT/NMSQT](#)