



September 2016

Dear Students and Families,

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) procedures to juniors enrolled in the Running Start program through Rock Valley College. District #100 will administer the PSAT to all juniors on October 19th at their home school. Any Running Start student interested in taking the PSAT must contact Jim Friesema at Belvidere High School or Matt Fry at Belvidere North High School to sign-up for the PSAT before 3:00 p.m. on September 20th. The PSAT is not required of Running Start students, but will provide an opportunity for students to gain exposure to the assessment prior to taking the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) in the spring. Running Start students may choose to take the PSAT to potentially qualify for National Merit Scholarships as the PSAT is a National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. There is not a charge to juniors taking the PSAT.

If a Running Start student is not able to take the PSAT on October 19th, the PSAT will also be offered at Hononegah High School on Saturday, October 15th. District #100 students who are interested taking the PSAT at Hononegah High School on Saturday, October 15th must notify Marc Eckmann, Principal at Belvidere North High School by email (meckmann@district100.com) or telephone call (815-547-3649) no later than September 16th at 3:00 p.m..

On April 5, 2017, all Juniors in Illinois will be take the SAT. The State of Illinois provides funding for every student to take a college entrance exam. While the PSAT is encouraged for Running Start students, the SAT is required because it is a State of Illinois graduation requirement. We will continue to communicate with Running Start students, their parents, and with Rock Valley College regarding the SAT in the Spring.

If you have any questions at this time, please contact:

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Sincerely,



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