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Dear Juniors and Families,

Land O' Lakes High School will offer the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. The cost of the test is \$18.00, cash, check or paid on <https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/> by Monday, September 5, 2022. This test is used as a counseling and diagnostic tool, which can be used to foster student thought about advanced coursework and college/career planning. While this test is optional, there are many benefits for students, including:

- The PSAT/NMSQT test is an indicator of performance on the SAT college entrance exam. Students may choose to link their results on the PSAT/NMSQT to a Khan Academy account to receive a personalized plan for preparing for the SAT.
- The PSAT/NMSQT includes reading, math, and writing/language components that focus on the knowledge and skills that are most essential for college and career readiness and success; it is also used as a diagnostic tool to measure and follow student performance and pinpoint areas for development.
- High School students can meet published program entry and participation requirements enter the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the PSAT/NMSQT during their junior year of high school. More details available here: <https://www.nationalmerit.org/s/1758/interior.aspx?sid=1758&gid=2&pgid=424>
- The PSAT/NMSQT test results can help identify each student's potential for academic success at the postsecondary level and lead to discussion about future educational plans.
- The PSAT/NMSQT can also serve as an opportunity for students to earn a concordant score to meet the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement. Students must score 430 or higher on the mathematics section on the PSAT/NMSQT.
- The PSAT/NMSQT test results will provide high school counselors with information to help identify students who may be ready to enroll and be successful in Advanced Placement and other college preparatory courses or identify students who may need additional instruction to do so.
- Every student who takes the PSAT/NMSQT is given access to multiple online resources that provide personalized SAT preparation, as well as college and career planning tools – all at no cost to the student or their family. These resources include:
  - A PSAT/NMSQT score report that includes answers with detailed explanations.
  - A personalized SAT study plan when the student links their PSAT results to the Khan Academy SAT Prep site.
  - A report that shows the Advanced Placement courses in which the student shows the opportunity to be successful.

You may visit <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt> for more information, including practice tests and sample questions, as well as for more information on the calculator policy.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Batchelor at (813) 794-9400 or [rbatchel@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:rbatchel@pasco.k12.fl.us) or Jennifer Gaete, Assessment Coordinator at (813) 794-9400 or [jgaete@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jgaete@pasco.k12.fl.us)

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Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent of Schools

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Batchelor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

Richard Batchelor, Assistant Principal

PSAT/NMSQT

Test Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Cost: 18.00 paid cash, check or <https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/>

Deadline to pay: Monday, September 5, 2022