

All ACT, SAT, and PSAT standardized tests, including the alternate PSAT test date on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, have been cancelled at West High School while school buildings are closed and we are in virtual learning.

District updates and information related to learning and instruction during COVID-19 can be found on [this page](#).

If your student is currently a grade 11 student, here is additional information about the National Merit Scholarship Program:

The 2020 PSAT/NMSQT (offered in October 2020 and January 2021) is the qualifying test for entry to the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program.

IMPORTANT: A student may take the PSAT/NMSQT only once per academic year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To enter the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program, a student must meet all of the following requirements. A student must:

1. be enrolled as a high school student (traditional or homeschooled), progressing normally toward graduation or completion of high school by 2022, and planning to accept admission to college no later than the fall of 2022;
2. attend high school in the United States, District of Columbia, or U.S. commonwealths and territories; or meet the citizenship requirements for students attending high school outside the United States; and
3. take the 2020 PSAT/NMSQT or complete Alternate Entry requirements in the specified year of the high school program and no later than the third year in grades 9 through 12, regardless of grade classification or educational pattern.

Please refer to the [PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide](#) for detailed information about the competition.

Students Who Are Unable to Take the PSAT/NMSQT

A student who does not take the PSAT/NMSQT in October 2020 or January 2021 because of illness, an emergency, or other extenuating circumstance (including school closures), but meets all other requirements for NMSC program participation, may still be able to enter the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program by submitting scores from an administration of the SAT. The student or a school official must visit www.nationalmerit.org/resources after the missed

PSAT/NMSQT administration to download information about procedures for Alternate Entry to the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. To be considered, a student must complete certain requirements **before April 1, 2021**.

IMPORTANT: Alternate Entry is **only** for students who do not take the October 2020 PSAT/NMSQT or January 2021 PSAT/NMSQT. Students who are uncertain about whether they will take the January PSAT/NMSQT are welcome to download and complete Alternate Entry requirements beginning in late October; however, NMSC will not consider a student's SAT scores for entry to the program if it receives an official PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index score from College Board.

NOTE: The procedure described above for requesting Alternate Entry differs from information that is published in the [PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide](#). For the 2022 competition only, students and school officials will be able to download Alternate Entry instructions from NMSC's website instead of submitting an individual written request to NMSC for approval.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more details about entry to the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program, please refer to the [PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide](#) or visit www.nationalmerit.org.