

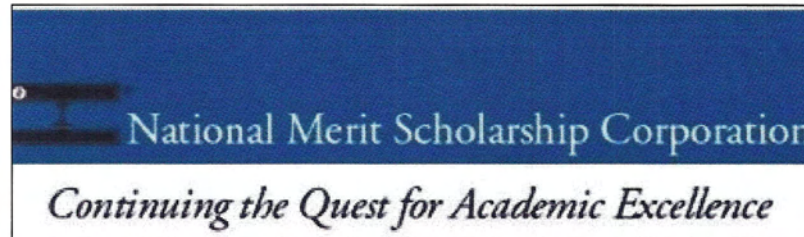
PSAT - NMSQT



The PSAT is a preliminary SAT test that is combined with the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT).

- The PSAT is offered one a year only in October.
- All Juniors at PVHS take the PSAT/NMSQT on the Wednesday test date in October.
- Some Sophomores who are accelerated in their curriculum may also choose to take the PSAT over the PLAN.
- This test is practice only. The scores are not reported to colleges.
- Only the test scores of Juniors are considered for the National Merit Scholarship.

Understanding the NMSQT



"of the 1.5 million entrants, some 50,000 with the highest PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores (critical reading + mathematics + writing skills score) qualify for recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

...in late September about 34,000 of the approximate 50,000 high scorers receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of outstanding academic promise.

...in early November about 16,000 or one third of the 50,000 high scorers are notified they have qualified as Semi-Finalists.

...in February, some 15,000 Semi-Finalists...advance to Finalist standing.

...All winners of Merit Scholarship awards are chose from the Finalist group."

(source: National Merit Scholarship Corporation website: www.nationalmerit.org)

The National Merit Scholarship consists of a single payment scholarship in the amount of \$2500 awarded on a state representative basis without consideration of family financial circumstances, college choice or major and career plans.