

August 18, 2026

Dear Families,

At Spotsylvania County Public Schools, we are committed to providing every student with opportunities to plan for their future. This October, we are pleased to offer two important assessments during the school day: the PSAT/NMSQT and the SAT. Both assessments are fully digital and will be taken on school-issued devices.

PSAT/NMSQT: Tuesday, October 20, 2026

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) will be offered to students in grades 9, 10, and 11.

- Spotsylvania County Public Schools will cover the full cost of the exam for all enrolled SCPS students.
- Benefits: This test provides insights into academic strengths, identifies readiness for AP courses, and offers personalized career path exploration. For juniors, this is also the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

SAT: Tuesday, October 27, 2026

The SAT School Day is available for students in grades 11 and 12 who wish to take the college admissions exam during the week in a familiar environment.

- Cost: \$42.00 per student. Families are responsible for paying the cost of this exam.
- Benefits: Taking the SAT during the school day offers convenience by eliminating the need for weekend travel and testing in an unfamiliar location. It also reduces stress by allowing students to test alongside their peers.

If students prefer to take the SAT on a Saturday, information about upcoming dates and locations is available at <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat>.

Important Information for All Testers

- *Accommodations:* Students with documented disabilities who require testing accommodations must have them approved by the College Board Services for Students with Disabilities. **The deadline to submit these requests to your school counselor is August 24 for the PSAT and August 31 for the SAT.**
- *Preparation:* Students are encouraged to use Bluebook for practice tests to become familiar with the digital, adaptive format of the exams.

Your student can register to take the PSAT/NMSQT or SAT using the link provided in their school email. The deadline for registering is **Wednesday, September 23, 2026**.

If you have questions regarding which test is right for your student or need assistance with the registration process, please contact your student's school counselor.

Sincerely,

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