

# SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The following SAT and PSAT information pertains to students in all grade levels, so please take some time to review it carefully. The weekend administrations of the SAT scheduled at Somerville High School on Saturday, September 26th and Saturday, October 3rd have been cancelled as part of our ongoing effort to minimize visitors to the building. SHS Seniors who have registered for these exams will receive an automated refund of their test fee from College Board.

**SAT During School Day:** As a substitute for the cancelled dates, SHS Seniors (regardless of their hybrid learning cohort) will have an opportunity to take the SAT during the school day on Wednesday, October 14th. A separate [registration form](#) is required for this "school day" exam. If you are unable to print from home, hard copies are available in the High School Guidance Office.

**PSATs:** The PSAT will be offered to all Sophomores and Juniors (regardless of their hybrid learning cohort) during the school day on Wednesday, October 14th. For Juniors, this test will also serve as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Students from Branchburg who are in the 100% virtual cohort but wish to come to school for testing must arrange their own transportation to and from school on test day. This will allow current bus routes and bus occupancy limits to remain in place.

For students who are unable to test in October (either due to illness or due to concerns related to COVID-19), College Board is offering a second PSAT/NMSQT test date in January 2021. Students can only take the PSAT once per school year and if able, we recommend that students take the exam on October 14th. Having said that, we will still explore the feasibility of administering that January exam based on student interest and COVID-19 conditions at that time.

## Schedule for October 14<sup>th</sup> by Grade Level

### Freshmen

**All freshmen in all cohorts -**

- Remain at home and complete pre-assigned lessons and coursework.
- Live teaching via Google Meet will not take place

### Sophomores and Juniors

**If taking the PSAT -**

- Report to testing room at 7:35
- Bring calculator for math portion of exam
- Dismissal at 11:50 am

**If NOT taking the PSAT -**

- Remain at home and complete any posted assignments from teachers
- Live teaching via Google Meet will not take place

### Seniors

**If taking the SAT -**

- Report to testing room at 7:35
- Bring calculator for math portion of exam
- Dismissal at approximately 12:30 pm (no essay) or 1:30 pm (with essay)

**If NOT taking the SAT -**

- Students in all cohorts remain at home and complete pre-assigned lessons and coursework.
- Live teaching via Google Meet will not take place

Thank you for your understanding with regard to these changes. Please contact us with any additional questions.

Gerard Foley, Principal

Christopher Mulligan, District Test Coordinator

Septiembre de 2020

Estimados padres / tutores:

La siguiente información de SAT y PSAT se aplica a los estudiantes de todos los niveles de grado, así que tómese un tiempo para revisarla detenidamente. Las administraciones de fin de semana del SAT programadas en Somerville High School el sábado 26 de septiembre y el sábado 3 de octubre han sido canceladas como parte de nuestro esfuerzo continuo para minimizar las visitas al edificio. Los estudiantes del último año de SHS que se hayan registrado para estos exámenes recibirán un reembolso automático de la tarifa del examen de College Board.

**SAT durante el día escolar:** Como sustituto de las fechas canceladas, los estudiantes del último año de SHS (independientemente de su grupo de aprendizaje híbrido) tendrán la oportunidad de tomar el SAT durante el día escolar el miércoles 14 de octubre. Seseperado [formulario de inscripción por](#) requiere unpara este examen de "día escolar". Si no puede imprimir desde casa, las copias impresas están disponibles en la Oficina de orientación de la escuela secundaria.

**PSAT:tercer** El PSAT se ofrecerá a todos los estudiantes de segundo año (independientemente de su grupo de aprendizaje híbrido) durante el día escolar el miércoles 14 de octubre. Para los estudiantes de tercer año, esta prueba también servirá como prueba de calificación para becas de mérito nacional. Los estudiantes de Branchburg que estén en la cohorte 100% virtual pero que deseen venir a la escuela para la prueba deben organizar su propio transporte hacia y desde la escuela el día de la prueba. Esto permitirá que las rutas de autobuses actuales y los límites de ocupación de autobuses permanezcan en su lugar.

Para los estudiantes que no pueden tomar el examen en octubre (ya sea por enfermedad o por preocupaciones relacionadas con COVID-19), College Board ofrece una segunda fecha de examen PSAT / NMSQT en enero de 2021. Los estudiantes solo pueden tomar el PSAT una vez por año escolar y si pueden, recomendamos que los estudiantes tomen el examen el 14 de octubre. Habiendo dicho eso, aún exploraremos la viabilidad de administrar ese examen de enero según el interés de los estudiantes y las condiciones de COVID-19 en ese momento.

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Gracias por su comprensión con respecto a estos cambios. Por favor contáctenos con cualquier pregunta adicional.



Gerard Foley, director



Christopher Mulligan, coordinador de exámenes del distrito