

Fresno Unified School District  
Board Communication

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From the Office of the Superintendent  
To the Members of the Board of Education  
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Lindsay Sanders (Sep 30, 2021 12:25 PDT)

Regarding: PSAT/NMSQT Administration for 2021/22

The purpose of this communication is to provide the Board changes to the administration of the PSAT for the 2021/22 school year.

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) assesses the same knowledge and skills as the SAT, providing a check-in on college readiness before students take the SAT. The PSAT/NMSQT is the qualifying test for entry to the National Merit Scholarship Program and serves as an entry point to over \$300 million in additional scholarships. The University of California (UC) system no longer accepts SAT or ACT scores for admission decisions, even on an optional basis. The California State University system has extended elimination of SAT or ACT scores for admission decisions for freshman applicants through the 2022/23 academic year. Impacts of the pandemic necessitate continued attention to prioritizing and protecting instructional minutes for all students.

The PSAT/NMSQT will not be administered to students in ninth or tenth grades and will be optional for grade eleven students for the 2021/22 school year. Interested grade eleven students can opt-in to the assessment which will take place on Saturday, October 16, 2021.

Approved by Superintendent

Robert G. Nelson Ed.D.



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