



ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF

TROY

TROY HIGH SCHOOL

TODAY'S STUDENTS. TOMORROW'S LEADERS.

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TO: JUNIORS and SOPHOMORES

RE: PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)
(Practice SAT test)

The PSAT will be given to juniors and interested sophomores who will be continuing their education beyond high school:

DATE: Saturday, October 18, 2014

TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Troy High School (specific location to be announced)

COST: \$18.00

PSAT sign up will take place in the Guidance Office beginning September 22nd thru October 15th. Please make checks payable to: ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TROY.

TO: SOPHOMORES ONLY

RE: PLAN INFORMATION (Practice test for ACT)

DATE: Saturday, November 8, 2014

TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Troy High School (specific location to be announced)

COST: \$16.00

PLAN sign up will take place in the Guidance Office beginning September 22nd thru October 23rd. Please make checks payable to: ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TROY.

The PSAT and PLAN are shortened versions of the SAT (College Boards) and ACT (American College Test) and are used to measure verbal, mathematical, science and social studies abilities important for college work.

BY TAKING THE PSAT AND PLAN:

- 1. You learn about your ability to do college work that will be helpful to you in your planning.**
- 2. You will be provided with the opportunity to experience test taking of this nature.**
(Please turn page to other side for additional information.)

TO: Junior and Sophomore Parents and Students

RE: PSAT/NMSQT and PLAN

Students in their junior year are encouraged to take the PSAT/NMSQT in order to give them practice for the SAT and to make them eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Again, this year we are encouraging our sophomores to participate in the program. There has been an increase nationally in the number of sophomores who are participating in the program. It gives students an excellent opportunity to gain valuable test-taking experience.

- a) Additional testing experience will help sophomores become more familiar and comfortable with the PLAN/ACT and/or PSAT/SAT and will enhance the probability of more students performing at their best when they challenge their college entrance exams.**
- b) Better scores, along with challenging course enrollment and good grades, can and will help in seeking scholarships and grants in the college and university admission and placement process.**
- c) Another benefit is that the score reports and related information will help students, parents, and the counseling staff plan high school courses and program selection, and help plan future educational goals. Most important, we can use this data in our planning a year earlier.**