

Dear Parents and Guardians:

SUBJECT: PSAT, Wednesday, October 10, 2018

HSI - Sugar Land will offer the PSAT on **Wednesday, October 10, 2018**. This assessment focuses on the knowledge and skills evidence shows matters most for college and career readiness. Our counselors and teachers will be speaking with students about what to expect on the test and tips to be successful. They will address the format of the test, strategies for answering questions, and information about why the test is important.

The 9th graders will be taking the PSAT 8/9. The scores from this assessment will be used to help determine class placement for next year and help students track how they are doing with regard to college readiness.

The 10th and 11th graders will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT. The scores from this assessment will be used to help determine class placement for next year and help students track how they are doing with regard to college readiness. Additionally, for 11th graders, their scores on this test will determine their eligibility for scholarships, including the National Merit Scholarship.

Students were given a copy of the PSAT Student Guide which contains detailed information about the test as well as a practice test. It is also posted on the school website. Additional sample questions and practice tests are available online at College Board (www.collegeboard.org/psatpractice) and Khan Academy. A practice PSAT for students in grades 9-11 will be offered by the school on Saturday, September 29 at 9:00 am. Students interested in taking the practice PSAT may sign up in their ELA classes.

On the day of the test, HSI-Sugar Land will be closed to visitors and parents, including lunch drop-offs, until testing is complete. Estimated end time for testing is 12:45 pm. Students need to arrive to school on time and are expected to wear their uniforms in accordance with the dress code policy. In addition, students need to bring #2 pencils and an approved calculator. If your child is testing, please encourage a restful night sleep before the test and a healthy breakfast on the day of testing.

Thank you for your continued support.

Harmony School of Innovation - Sugar Land

****Calculator Information:**

There are two parts of the Math section on the PSAT. On the second part, the students will have the option to use calculators. The school is not obligated to provide calculators to students, and all questions can be answered without the use of a calculator. We do encourage students to bring an approved calculator on the day of the test. It is best if they have had an opportunity to practice using their calculator at home, prior to the testing day. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch may use a school calculator if available. Please email the testing coordinator at dgerard@harmonytx.org by October 5, 2018 to request one. **Below is the list of acceptable calculators allowed by College Board.**

ACCEPTABLE CALCULATORS

Casio		Hewlett-Packard	Sharp	Texas Instruments
FX-6000 series	CFX-9800 series	HP-9G	EL-5200	TI-73
FX-6200 series	CFX-9850 series	HP-28 series	EL-9200 series	TI-80
FX-6300 series	CFX-9950 series	HP-38G	EL-9300 series	TI-81
FX-6500 series	CFX-9970 series	HP-39 series	EL-9600 series*	TI-82
FX-7000 series	FX 1.0 series	HP-40 series	EL-9900 series	TI-83
FX-7300 series	Algebra FX 2.0 series	HP-48 series		TI-83 Plus
FX-7400 series	FX-CG-10	HP-49 series	Other	TI-83 Plus Silver
FX-7500 series	FX-CG-20 series	HP-50 series	Datexx DS-883	TI-84 Plus
FX-7700 series	FX-CG-50	HP Prime	Micronta	TI-84 Plus CE
FX-7800 series	FX-CG-500*		NumWorks	TI-84 Plus Silver
FX-8000 series	Graph25 series	Radio Shack	Smart ²	TI-84 Plus C Silver
FX-8500 series	Graph35 series	EC-4033		TI-84 Plus T
FX-8700 series	Graph75 series	EC-4034		TI-84 Plus CE-T
FX-8800 series	Graph95 series	EC-4037		TI-85
FX-9700 series	Graph100 series			TI-86
FX-9750 series				TI-89
FX-9860 series				TI-89 Titanium
				TI-Nspire
				TI-Nspire CX
				TI-Nspire CM-C
				TI-Nspire CAS
				TI-Nspire CX CAS
				TI-Nspire CM-C CAS
				TI-Nspire CX-C CAS

* The use of the stylus is not permitted.