

# PARENTS AND STUDENTS

We are pleased to announce that all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity take the PSAT/NMSQT on October 15, 2014

***The cost for this exam is \$15.00***

***Payment deadline date is Friday, October 3, 2014***

***Cash or money orders should be made payable to Henry W. Grady HS***

***Fee should be turned into Ms. Hines (School Counselor) in the Counseling Suite***

***Online option may be available via Grady Website***

## What is the PSAT/NMSQT?

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT®. It also gives students a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures: (1) Critical reading skills (2) Math problem-solving skills (3) Writing skills

Because you have developed these skills over many years, both in and out of school, this test doesn't require you to recall specific facts from your classes.

## Why take the PSAT?

- Receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. You can then focus your preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice.
- See how your performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college.
- Enter the competition for scholarships from NMSC (grade 11).
- Help prepare for the SAT.
- Receive information from colleges when you check "yes" to Student Search Service.

**\*Students should also note that along with grades and teacher recommendations, scores on the 2014 PSAT will be used to evaluate students for placement in AP courses and other academic programs. Students are strongly encouraged to take the PSAT serious.**

To take a practice exam, please visit:

- <http://www.petersons.com/college-search/free-psat-practice-test.aspx>

For more information on the PSAT, please visit:

- [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html)

In addition to the online practice exam noted above, practice exam booklets will distributed through advisory. Students will be responsible for reviewing this prep material independently. Students should come to school well rested and alert on exam day. The exam period is expected to last approximately 3 hours.

You should contact Ms. Hines at [nhines@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:nhines@atlanta.k12.ga.us) or 404.802.3018 should you have additional questions.