

# COATESVILLE AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## RESEARCHING POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS



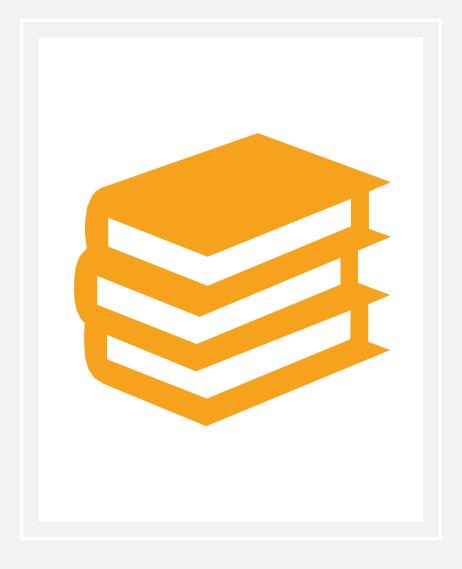
- A challenging high school curriculum:
- Grades that represent strong effort and an upward trend:
- Solid scores on the SAT or ACT
- Passionate involvement in a few activities, demonstrating leadership, initiative, impact, and an angle:
- Meaningful use of your free time
- Special talents or experiences that will contribute to an interesting student body:
- A well-written essay that provides insight into your personality, values, and goals:



- Anecdotal letters of recommendation from teachers and your counselor with evidence of your intellectual curiosity, special skills, and positive character traits
- A student who goes the extra mile to develop a special talent in sports, research, writing, the arts, or anything else will gain an edge
- Demonstrated enthusiasm for attending the university:
- Demonstrated intellectual curiosity

### FREE TESTING

- All Juniors will be given a FREE PSAT test during the school day in October.
- Student can prep for the PSAT test at <u>www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice</u>
- All Juniors will be given a FREE SAT test during the school day in March.
- Students can prep for the SAT test at <u>www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice</u>



When you take the PSAT/NMSQT or the PSAT 10 and say "yes" to our free Student Search Service®, you can help scholarship providers find you.

We'll also connect you to our scholarship partners, who offer over \$235 million annually in scholarships to qualified low-income and minority students.

If you opt in to Student Search Service and you qualify, you'll be invited to apply for scholarships in the fall of your junior year.

### PSAT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

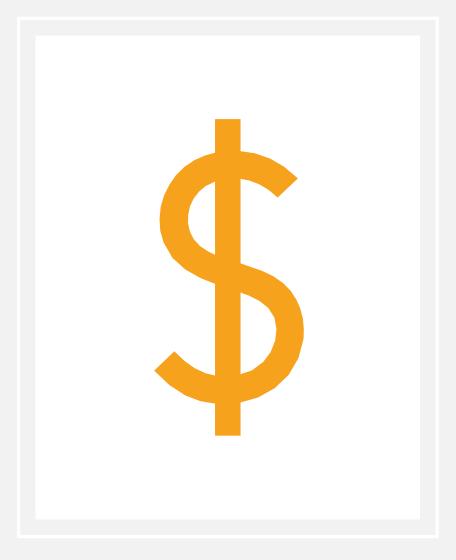
The PSAT/NMSQT is the qualifying test for the National Merit<sup>®</sup> Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and scholarships.

Highest scoring entrants in each state

For more information, visit the National Merit® Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) website, see the Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT, or see the Guide to the National Merit Scholarship Program (for educators). NMSC is a cosponsor of the PSAT/NMSQT.

## ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

• <a href="https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scholarships-and-recognition/scholarship-partners-programs">https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scholarships-and-recognition/scholarship-partners-programs</a>





 The College Board and the Khan Academy partnered to provide, <u>FREE</u>, personalized SAT preparation for students.

 All you need is your College Board registration and password.

## HOW TO LINK.....

- How Students Link Their College Board and Khan Academy Accounts:
- I. Go to <u>satpractice.org</u>. Create an account on Khan Academy or sign in to their existing account.
- 2. When prompted, agree to link their Khan Academy and College Board accounts.
- 3. Send their scores.

## COLLEGE PLACEMENT TEST SAT VS. ACT

SAT APTITUDE TEST

Cost \$47.50 (FREE for Juniors)

With Writing \$64.50

ACT FACT BASED TEST

- Cost \$46.00
- With Writing \$62.50

#### PA CAREER ZONE: FREE CAREER EXPLORATION TOOL



https://www.pacareerzone.org

### PLANNING FALL / WINTER

- Continue to do your best academic work!
- Be Well Rounded
- Use your College Board/Khan Academy Resource to Prepare for the SAT.
- Use the PSAT results as a study guide for the spring SAT.
- Select challenging courses for your senior year.
- Attend College Fairs



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Talk to your family.

Stay on top of your school work while getting involved with extracurricular activities.

Organize your college information. Begin narrowing down your college choices.

Prepare for standardized tests.

Contact your recommendation writers.

Set up appointments at your top college choices.

## PLANNING SUMMER

- Apply for a summer job or internship.
- Visit colleges.
- Organize your financial aid information.
- Start working on your application essays.
- Start a scholarship search.