HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN HIGH SCHOOL
SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR PARENT COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2019
Student Success Begins With…

- Strong academic curriculum
  - Core 40 minimum
- Support for students
  - School, family, peers, etc.
- Belief in positive results of additional education

“College is a match to be made not a prize to be won.”
Researching Colleges

- Resource Books (a sampling)
  - College Board’s *Book of Majors*
  - College Board’s *College Handbook*
  - *Fiske Guide to College*
  - Princeton Review’s *Best 373 Colleges*

- Regional College Fairs
  - Greater Northside Fair March 13\textsuperscript{th} @ Grand Park
  - Hamilton County Regional Fair-September

- National College Fair-October
Naviance

- School email, six digit student number

  - Personal assessment
    - Passions, academic interests, activities, career goals

  - Environmental assessment
    - Size, urban, suburban, rural, distance from home

  - Institutional assessment
    - Majors, activity, research opportunities, study abroad, financial aid
## Researching Colleges

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College Visits

- Make appointment
  - Know what you need
  - Talk with admissions
  - Tour campus
  - Financial aid
  - Sit in on class
  - Visit a dorm
  - Eat on campus
- Prepare questions

- Research school before appointment
- Parents should accompany student
- Record impressions & important facts
- Discuss visit
- If unable to visit, take a “virtual tour”
Survival Tips for Students

- Visit colleges early
- Explain special circumstances
- Prepare a resume
- Talk w/ counselor
- Follow timelines
- Take process seriously
- Send official test results
- Request electronic transcript
- Be honest on your application!
- Sing your praises 😊
- Investigate financial aid & scholarships continuously
- Ask questions!!!
Testing & Assessment for College

**ACT**
- Pre ACT
- ACT

**College Board**
- PSAT
- SAT
- AP
How Do I Access My Online PSAT/NMSQT® Scores and Reports?

The PSAT/NMSQT Sample Score Report

Your Summary Score Report

Get Your Full Score Report Online

psat.org/myscore

Hi, [Student Name],

School Name: John F. Kennedy High School
School Code: 123456
Grade: 11th Grade
Student ID: 240000007
Optional Code: [Code]
Access Code: [Code]
College Board ID: 12345678
Understanding the Paper Score Report

The PSAT/NMSQT Sample Score Report (continued)

YOUR SCORE TODAY

Your Total Score

960 320 to 1520

You are in the 51st percentile

You scored equal to or higher than 51% of students

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score

430 100 to 1520

You are in the 51st percentile

Your Math Score

530 100 to 1520

You are in the 50th percentile

Your "Test Scores"**

Reading 23 10 to 38
Writing and Language 20 10 to 38

**Additional standard scores for the test scores, additional evidence-based scores, and additional math scores are available at psat.org/myxpert.

I'ma, this was your score when you took the test; it is not a measure of how far you can grow!

Students with scores like yours increased their performance from the PSAT/NMSQT™ to the SAT® by 110 points after 10 or more hours of personalized practice on Khan Academy™.

psat.org/myscore

Go online for your full report
What is the National Merit® Scholarship Program?

The PSAT/NMSQT Sample Score Report (continued)

YOUR PATH TOMORROW

Here’s what else is waiting for you online:

1. A link to free personalized practice on Khan Academy
   Share your scores with Khan Academy to get your personalized practice.

2. A list of the challenging courses you’re ready for
   Complete your scores show you’re ready to succeed in AP® courses.

3. Your customized starter college list
   Check out the tools at CollegeBoard® to kick start your college plans.

4. Don’t forget!
   Register to take the SAT® ahead of college application deadlines in spring of junior year and fall of senior year.

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Your NMSC Selection Index

NMSC uses a combination of your scores on PSAT/NMSQT and SAT® as an index score to recognize academic excellence and potential. This index score is based on a combination of your standardized test scores and your record of participation in难读课程 and participation in an optional program.

Eligibility Information

You must meet the following requirements for the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program:

- You must score in the top 1.7 percent for your state.
- You must rank in the top 10 percent of your graduating high school class.
- You must be a U.S. citizen.
- You must have a minimum SAT® score of 1390.

Entry Requirements

Information provided on your senior status:
- High school student: Yes
- Year of high school enrollment: 2020
- Selective examination program: Yes
- Highest grade: 12

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation is the official sponsor of the National Merit Scholarship Program. To learn more about the program, visit www.nationalMerit.org.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding scores, eligibility, or other information, please contact your school counselor or the National Merit Scholarship Corporation at 1-800-468-1968.

 Harm. S. Student, 2013 Winner
When Should I Take the SAT®?

- Most students take the SAT in the spring of their junior year.
- Many students choose to take the SAT more than one time. SAT dates include:
  - March 9 (at HSE)
  - May 4 (at HSE)
  - June 1
- Next year, the SAT will be offered August, October and December and again in the spring.
Common Application

- File online: [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- Complete once & send to multiple schools
- Supplemental forms for some schools
- In-depth application
- College application workshop - August 2nd and 3rd
The College Essay

- Not all colleges require
- Respond to prompt and don’t exceed length requirements
- Write what you are passionate about
- Opportunity to share something about self & demonstrate writing ability
- Narrow focus – a moment in time
- Give vivid, clear picture
- Use standard written English; no slang

✔ Essay workshop in September
Recommendations

- From teachers:
  - Not always required
  - Student responsibility to request
  - Student should provide teacher with:
    - Resume or list of activities, honors, etc.
    - Date needed (allow at least 2 weeks)
    - Any specifics student wants included
Postsecondary Planning

Making The Pieces Fit
College planning appointments:

- Call or email:
  Nancy Herndon
  Director of College Counseling
  594-4190 ext. 8982
  nherndon@hse.k12.in.us

- Evening appointments available