# Conestoga High School PSAT/NMSQT Test Administration Details

Conestoga will administer the PSAT/NMSQT on <u>*Tuesday, January 26, 2021*</u> to all registered 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> will be an asynchronous instructional day, **ONLY students registered for the PSAT/NMSQT should report to Conestoga.** Additional details and guidelines are outlined below:

## Test Day Schedule:

- 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin testing at <u>8:00 AM</u>. Juniors should begin to arrive at 7:30 AM.
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin testing at <u>8:30 AM</u>. Sophomores should begin to arrive at 8:00 AM.
- All students with approved College Board accommodations will begin testing at 8:00 AM and should begin to arrive at 7:30 AM.
- A staggered dismissal will begin at approximately 11:45 AM (11<sup>th</sup> graders) & 12:15 PM (10<sup>th</sup> graders) for standard timed test takers.
- A-K hybrid students will attend school on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> in lieu of Tuesday, January 26, 2021. There are no changes for L-Z student cohort.
- Asynchronous assignments will be posted for grades 9 and 12, as well as students in grades 10 and 11 who have chosen not to participate in the PSAT/NMSQT.

## Things you need to know about test day:

- All current Health and Safety protocols are in effect for test day. Masks are required.
- Students/parents are responsible for transportation to and from school on test day. Juniors are permitted to park on campus, no permit is needed. If you are unable to secure transportation, please reach out to your school counselor.
- Students should enter via the main lobby and be prepared to show health screening results. Click <u>here</u> for a video on completing the health screening. Upon arrival, students are required to show proof of completion which will be available through Power School, by showing their status on their phone or by checking in with an attendant at each entry. Click <u>here</u> for a video showing the student check in process.
- Testing room locations will be posted on Schoology prior to test day.
- Students are not permitted to read a book, do schoolwork, or listen to music if they finish the test early. They must sit quietly until testing ends.
- Cell phone policy: Power must be turned OFF on all electronic devices and placed away. If a student's phone / device makes a noise or they are seen using it at any time (including breaks), they will be dismissed immediately, their scores will be cancelled, and the devices may be confiscated.

#### What students should bring:

- Number 2 pencils with erasers (Mechanical pencils are not permitted)
- An approved calculator: A scientific or graphing calculator is recommended.
- Extra batteries
- NOTE: Food and beverages, including bottled water (unless already approved by the College Board's Services for Students with Disabilities), are **not permitted in the testing location.**

### Additional information:

- All costs for the PSAT/NMSQT will be covered by the district.
- The PSAT/NMSQT is an abbreviated version of the Reading and Math sections of the SAT. It also serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) to identify academically talented high school juniors for scholarship opportunities and recognition.
- We encourage students and families to visit the <u>College Board website</u> to learn more about the *SAT Suite of Assessments* as well as <u>Preparation Resources</u> for the PSAT/NMSQT.

Please contact any of our school counselors with additional questions. If you would still like to register your student, please contact the Student Services Office at 610.240.1045 as soon as possible.