



Gifted and Talented Education

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

On Wednesday, November 20, 2019, the Digital Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT 8/9) will be administered to eighth grade GATE students at Mesa View Middle School.

The PSAT 8/9 is a standardized test that provides firsthand practice with the same skills and knowledge as the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and the PSAT 10 – in a way that makes sense for eighth and ninth graders. It measures what they're already learning, shows them whether they're on track for college, and lets them know where they need the most improvement. Additionally, they gain access to high school and career planning tools. Specifically, the test measures critical reading, writing/language, and math problem-solving skills. Additional information regarding the PSAT 8/9 is attached for your review, and it can also be explored online: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>.

We are asking that parents provide the cost of the test by donating \$12.00 to Ocean View School District. This cost covers the test, scoring of the test, and results of test. Donations may be turned in to your student's teacher along with the permission form. Students who attend the GATE cluster program at their home schools must make their own transportation arrangements to and from Mesa View for the test.

Students should arrive at Mesa View between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m. The PSAT 8/9 is 3 hours and 30 minutes in length and will begin promptly at 8:45 am in the gym. The area will be marked with signs to guide students. To avoid traffic congestion at the school, it is requested that parents not drop off their children prior to 8:15 am. However, please be aware that, because the test is timed, students will not be admitted after 8:45 am. At the conclusion of the test, parents must provide return transportation at 12:30 pm. The PSAT 8/9 is an excused absence; verification of student attendance will be provided to the home school.

If you would like for your child to participate in the PSAT 8/9, please provide your written consent on the attached permission form and send your payment (payable to OVSD) to your child's teacher no later than Wednesday, November 6, 2019.

The PSAT 8/9 Official Study Guide will be provided electronically for all student <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-8-9-student-guide.pdf>. The study guide is intended for home use, and it is recommended that students begin reviewing it three weeks prior to the test.

We hope you will consider taking advantage of this worthwhile opportunity!

Sincerely,

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