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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to announce that the Sewanhaka Central High School District is issuing all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students the **PSAT 10, free of charge**, on April 11, 2019.

The **PSAT 10** is the same test as the PSAT/NMSQT, but offered in the spring for sophomores. Juniors typically take the PSAT/NMSQT in the fall. Both are excellent practice for the SAT because they test the same skills and knowledge as the SAT, but in a way that makes sense for lower grade levels. When sophomores take the **PSAT 10**, they are measured against other 10<sup>th</sup> grade students in terms of benchmarks and percentiles.

An advantage to taking the PSAT 10 is the connection to scholarships. The PSAT 10 connects students to millions of dollars in scholarships. Students should remember to check "Yes" to the Student Search Service question on their answer sheet so that scholarship providers can find them.

Another advantage is the free, personalized SAT practice. Your child's score on the PSAT 10 generates a personalized SAT study plan on the Khan Academy that's completely free. Students simply go to [satpractice.org](http://satpractice.org), create an account, and link their College Board and Khan Academy accounts to unlock a study plan based on their test results. One of your child's teachers will facilitate with creating these accounts. More information on Official SAT Practice on the Khan Academy can be found at [satpractice.org](http://satpractice.org).

Lastly, student score reports will suggest Advanced Placement (AP) courses that may be a great match for them. Advanced Placement courses expose students to rigor and challenge enhancing college admissions options while also allowing them to earn college credit while in high school.

The Sewanhaka Central High School District is offering the PSAT 10 to all sophomores to support our college and career readiness goals for our students. Early exposure to the test may also prompt students to think about college earlier and familiarize themselves with the format and timing of standardized exams. With their interactive score reports, students will obtain important information about their college readiness.

For more information, visit [psat.org](http://psat.org) or contact Dr. Kathleen Sottile at 488-9800 x-9874.

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