BOARD BRIEF

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Date: September 29, 2023

BOARD INFORMATION: __X__

MEETING PREPARATION: _____

FROM: Alexander Duncan, Executive Principal, Alexandria City High School
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THROUGH: Pierrette Finney, Ed.D., Chief Academic Officer
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TO: The Honorable Michelle Rief, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Fall 2023 PSAT/SAT Schedule - Alexandria City High School

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:
Goal 2: Instructional Excellence

SY 2023–2024 PRIORITY AREA:
Academic Achievement
Tier 1 Instruction: Alignment, Rigor, Engagement
Student Supports
Student Connection and Attendance
Staff Supports
Continue Culture Building

FY 2024 BUDGET PRIORITY:
Instructional Excellence
Student Accessibility and Support
Strategic Resource Allocation

SUMMARY:
This brief updates the School Board about the PSAT/SAT Fall Schedule for the 2023–2024 school year.

DETAILS:
The dates for administering the PSAT and SAT in the Fall at Alexandria City High School (ACHS) are detailed below.

Dates	Summary
Date: Oct 11	- PSAT 8/9 for grade 9 students will take place at the Minnie Howard and King Street Campuses. - PSAT for grade 10 students will take place at the King Street Campus.

	- National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) for grade 11 students who registered by September 9 will test at the King Street - Campus. - SAT for students in grades 12 who registered by September 9. - On this day, students taking the test will be released upon completion, which will be approximately 1:15 p.m. Students with extra time accommodations will be released upon completion. Transportation will be provided at 1:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - Students in grades 11 and 12 who are not testing at the King Street Campus will not report to school and will work on assignments posted in Canvas. - Students who are not testing at the Satellite and Chance for Change Campuses will report to school as usual. - Breakfast and lunch will be served.
Date: Oct 11	- SAT Exams for grade 12 students will take place at the King Street Campus. - This will give students a score for the college application process. - On this day, students taking the test will be released upon completion, which will be approximately 1:15 p.m. Students with extra time accommodations will be released upon completion. Transportation will be provided at 1:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - Students who are not testing at the King Street Campus will not report to school and will work on assignments posted in Canvas. - Students who are not testing at the Satellite and Chance for Change Campuses will report to school as usual. - Students at Minnie Howard Campus will report to take the PSAT 8/9. - Breakfast and lunch will be served.

BACKGROUND:
Each school year, students in grades 9–12 have the opportunity to participate in school-day testing for the PSAT/SAT. The dates are selected in collaboration with the College Board and the Titan Testing Team. Testing usually occurs in October and April of a given school year. These school testing days afford Titans greater access to assessments that can be highlighted on college resumes, allow students to qualify for National Merit Scholarships, and have SAT scores for the early college application process. There are no fees to students for these assessments.

RECOMMENDATION:
The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information regarding the 2023–2024 School Day PSAT/SAT dates.

IMPACT:
High School students will be able to participate in the PSAT and SAT during the school day.

REFERENCES:
N/A

ATTACHMENTS:
None

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