

BOARD BRIEF

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BOARD INFORMATION: X

MEETING PREPARATION: _____

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TO: The Honorable Meagan L. Alderton, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: SY 2021-2022 PSAT/SAT Schedule for Alexandria City High School (ACHS)

ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

Goal 2: Instructional Excellence

SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREAS

Focus Area 3: Strategic Plan Implementation

Focus Area 5: Academic Disparities

FY 2022 BUDGET PRIORITY

Implementation of 2025 Strategic Plan

Continue Engagement with Hispanic Families to Improve Graduation and Chronic Absenteeism

SUMMARY

The purpose of this brief is to provide an overview of the *Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) 8/9*, *Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)*, and *PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)*, which will be administered by Alexandria City High School (ACHS). During the 2021-2022 school year, the PSAT and NMSQT will be administered on October 13, 2021. The SAT will be administered twice on October 28, 2021, and April 26, 2022.

BACKGROUND

As mentioned in the summary above, ACHS administers these tests to students in grades 9-12 at three different points in the school year. These tests will be offered to students at all four campuses of ACHS: King Street, Minnie Howard, Satellite, and Chance for Change (CFC). Our School Testing Coordinators (STCs) will coordinate with each campus to determine who will be testing. Each of these testing days will require schedule adjustments for students. Listed in the table below are the different dates for the PSAT, SAT, and NMSQT.

Table 1. PSAT, SAT, and NMSQT Dates

October 13, 2021 <i>(PSAT and NMSQT)</i>	PSAT Exam for grade 10 students and NMSQT for grade 11 students who register through their school counselors will test at the King Street Campus. On this day, students taking the test will be released upon completion. 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 Satellite, CFC, and Minnie Howard Campuses will report to school as usual.
October 28, 2021 <i>(SAT)</i>	SAT Exam for grade 12 students and PSAT 8/9 for grade 9 students. Testing will take place at the Minnie Howard and King Street Campuses. On this day, students taking the test will be released upon completion. Students in grades 10 and 11 who are not taking the test will not report to school and will work on assignments posted on Canvas. Students who are not testing at Satellite and CFC will report to school as usual.
April 26, 2022 <i>(SAT)</i>	SAT Exam for grade 11 students, which will allow students to have a reportable score early in the college application process, will test at the King Street Campus. On this day, students taking the test will be released upon completion. Students in grades 10 and 12 who are not taking the test at the King Street Campus will not report to school and will work on assignments in Canvas. Students at Minnie Howard, CFC, and Satellite campuses will report to school as usual.

The schedule adjustments above will preserve the sanctity of the testing environment, aligning with current practices during major testing administrations. This will result in students being assessed in a structured testing environment free from interruption.

RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information within this brief.

IMPACT

Creation of an optimal testing environment for ACPS students in grades 9 -12.

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