

Background Information	Assessment PSAT	Assessment Dates October 15, 2008	Target audience KISD funds for all 9th, 10th and 11th grade students to take PSAT
	Description/Purpose of Assessment		
	<p>The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is a program co-sponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. For many student the PSAT/NMSQT is the first official step on the road to college. It assesses skills developed through years of study in a wide range of courses as well as through experiences outside the classroom. Results from the October PSAT/NMSQT administration give juniors a chance to enter the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competition.</p> <p>The PSAT/NMSQT has three parts: Critical Reading, Math, and Writing Skills. The most common reasons students take the PSAT/NMSQT are: to help assess skills necessary for college-level work; to prepare for the SAT; enter NMSQT for National Scholarships; to receive information from colleges.</p>		
Processes and Procedures	Campus Contact CHS: Nancy Stafford # 817-744-2016 FRHS: Maxine Davis # 817-744-1730 KHS: Ashlee Ely # 817-744-1416	District Funding High School Allotment Funds	Agency Governing Assessment College Board www.collegeboard.com
	Preparing Students for Success	Communication Process	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -PSAT bulletin distributed to students at least 2 weeks prior to the test -Vocabulary builders and warm-ups integrated in Math and English classes -PSAT prep class (semester elective class) -Test Prep Seminar - weekday classes available prior to the test -College Board provides practice tests which are available on-line at www.collegeboard.com 	<p>The high school counseling departments provide support and guidance year-round. Communication regarding the purpose and date of the PSAT/NMSQT is sent home with all freshman, sophomores and juniors. Upon receipt of student results, College Board provides an individualized detailed brochure disaggregating each student's PSAT/NMSQT results. This information provides answers and explanations for every question on the PSAT/NMSQT. My Road, the College Board's web-based career, majors, and college exploration tool is also available free of charge to any student taking the PSAT/NMST in October.</p>	
Evaluation of Results	Timeframe for Scoring and Receiving Results		Posting of District-level Results
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tests are scored by an outside vendor contracted by College Board. -Results are returned to campuses in January. -Student reports are organized and distributed to students during the designated class period. -Teachers receive training on how to review results with students. A resource developed by College Board, Understanding Your PSAT Results, is used to guide this process. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Results are posted on district and campus websites. <p style="text-align: center;">Use of Data for Planning and Continuous Improvement</p> <p>College Board collects and disaggregates the data to identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -AP potential students; -areas of improvement for SAT, and -forwards junior PSAT results to National Merit for identifying National Merit candidates.