

## PSAT Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Can a school's 11th graders take the PSAT/NMSQT® on the fall PSAT/NMSQT® School Day, Wednesday, October 15, 2014, as well?**

Yes; please keep in mind, the Idaho SDE will only be providing funding for 10th grade administration. At the time of remittal of the completed PSAT/NMSQT® booklets, districts will indicate the quantity of 10th and 11th graders that have taken the test. Districts will also indicate that the 10th grade administration will be funded by the State of Idaho. The remittal process will occur online; more information and instructions on the remittal process will be included in the PSAT/NMSQT® materials shipment.

- 2. Can schools provide administration of the PSAT/NMSQT® on both the Fall PSAT/NMSQT® School Day, Wednesday, October 15, 2014, and on a Saturday?**

No; the state funded test date is on a school day, not only due to the College Board's predetermined schedule in order to provide support, but also to ensure that this opportunity is available to all public school sophomores, where transportation will not be an issue. Also, the College Board only allows one yearly administration date at any given location; this is due to security policy and procedure.

- 3. Being that a school can only administer the yearly PSAT/NMSQT® on one date, if a school chooses to not administer the PSAT/NMSQT® to 10th graders on the October 15th date, can the school administer the PSAT/NMSQT® to both 10th and 11th graders on a Saturday administration?**

The 10th grade administration of the PSAT/NMSQT® is a great opportunity for students in preparation for the SAT the following year; however, administration is not mandatory and is completely up to local control. If a school decides to administer the PSAT/NMSQT® on a Saturday, rather than October 15th, regardless of grade level participation, this is perfectly within the school's rights; however, the state will only fund those 10th graders participating on the Wednesday, October 15th date.

- 4. What if a school already placed an order for the PSAT/NMSQT® based on numbers for juniors and sophomores, can the school still increase the number of 10th graders who will be participating in the PSAT/NMSQT® administration on the October 15th PSAT/NMSQT® School Day?**

Yes; the last day for schools to increase test orders is September 26, 2014.

- 5. What if a school already placed an order for the PSAT/NMSQT® based on numbers for juniors and sophomores, can the school update the order to include ALL sophomores instead of the number originally ordered? Will schools be charged a fee for each booklet that goes unused?**

We have confirmation from the College Board that Idaho public schools will **not** be penalized for ordering unused test books; please see the document under the Ordering Information drop down, p. 6. Please order enough to test all of your students by June 30th so you can receive the practice test booklets for all students; orders can be reduced until August 29th.