

Dear Mustangs Parents and Guardians-

Manitou Springs High School values the role that summative assessments play in informing student learning and growth. This is why we have made the investment in the SAT suite of assessments for our students. In October students in grades 8-11 took a PSAT, or practice SAT exam. This exam gives students, families, and our school information regarding where students are in meeting College readiness benchmarks. While not all students are bound for a two or four-year college, the skills of reading, writing, and math are needed, regardless of your student's post-high school planning.

This information is used in our professional learning communities to help us address any gaps we may have in our instruction and to see how we can both support and challenge students with their learning. We also use this data to help align our internal curriculum at the high school and have conversations at the middle and elementary school levels.

The state of Colorado continues to allow parents to refuse state testing. If you choose to do that we ask that you send an email to the school assessment coordinator by March 23, 2018. This allows us to prepare testing rooms and proctors for testing.

In April the state mandated assessments at the high school level are:

PSAT 9 (grade 9)- 4 tests for a total of 2 hrs. 25 min.

PSAT 10 (grade 10)- 4 tests for a total of 2 hrs. 45 min.

SAT 11 (grade 11) - 4 tests for a total of 3 hrs.

CMAS- Science 11<sup>th</sup> 3 tests for a total of 2 hrs. 30 min.

The high school will test on the following days:

PSAT 9, 10, and SAT April 10<sup>th</sup>. NO SENIORS

11<sup>th</sup> grade CMAS on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

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