



BRADEN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

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Carl Auckerman, Principal

August 23, 2021

**Dear Parent or Guardian:
First Period Teacher:**

Per state legislation, the School District of Manatee must provide 10th grade students the opportunity to take a standardized assessment to gauge their college readiness. This is an opportunity for students and parents to gain information regarding a student's potential success meeting college readiness benchmarks and university admission criteria based on a nationally normed test. This is an optional test and is not a graduation requirement.

The School District of Manatee County has chosen to use the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) for this assessment opportunity, which aligns with the SAT, a college entrance exam used by most colleges and universities. This assessment is administered during the school day and is free of charge for 10th grade students. The PSAT is more than just a test – it's a comprehensive program that helps schools put students on the path to college. PSAT benefits include:

- encouraging participation in Advanced Placement courses
- supporting college and career planning
- providing access to directed practice to help students fill their knowledge gaps through Khan Academy resulting in improved SAT scores and/or attainment of the FSA concordant score (contact your School Counselor for more information on Khan Academy)
- providing scholarship opportunities when students participate in the 11th grade

While the information received from this assessment is valuable and relevant, there is also an understanding of the substantial time set aside for required testing throughout the school year. In consideration of this, parents must provide a **written request for their student to be excluded**. **To request non-participation in the administration of the PSAT, scheduled to be administered on October 13, 2021, simply complete the information below and return this letter to Leigh Rodriguez in testing. The deadline to return all OPT-OUT requests is FRIDAY September 10, 2021.** Please return the form to the Testing Coordinator in the Front Office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Testing Coordinator, Leigh Rodriguez at (941) 751-8230 ext. 31075, or email rodriguez41@manateeschools.net.

Sincerely,
Carl Auckerman, Principal
Braden River High School

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Student ID: _____
First Period Teacher: _____

I request that my student OPT-OUT of the PSAT being administered during the school day on October 13, 2021. I understand that by signing and turning in this form, my student will NOT take the PSAT.

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Name (printed)

Phone Number

**ANY STUDENT THAT DOES NOT TURN IN AN OPT OUT FORM BY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 WILL BE SCHEDULED TO TAKE THE PSAT/NMSQT.**