



## WHAT IS NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?

During a student's junior year, the PSAT is a test that will be offered to all FHS juniors ranked in the top 10 percent of their class. When those students take this test, they are automatically screened for the **National Merit Scholarship Program**, which is a nationally recognized academic competition for recognition and scholarships. This could mean big money for college! The test is made up of Reading, Writing/Language, and Math sections. If these students qualify to test, they will receive an invite and order form from the counseling department to take the test here on campus in October.

National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists are selected once scores are received on the PSAT. Then, those semi-finalists are given the opportunity to take the SAT. Once those semi-finalists' SAT scores are screened, they can qualify to be a **finalist** for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Some colleges give full scholarships for National Merit Finalists, some colleges give partial scholarships. It all depends on the college or university. A full list of college benefits and scholarships can be found on the College Board website. College Board handles everything pertaining to the PSAT and the SAT.

Have a great day and GO PIRATES!!