

PSAT

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) is a powerful step to college and career opportunity. By focusing on the knowledge and skills that evidence shows matter most for college and career readiness, the PSAT/NMSQT provides students with valuable feedback and tools to help them reach their college and career goals.

Benefits of the PSAT/NMSQT®

Free SAT® Practice Powered by Khan Academy

Students receive a unique SAT® practice plan based on their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT that features:

- + Personalized online practice tailored to their strengths and weaknesses.
- + SAT practice questions and full-length tests.
- + Detailed feedback on their progress. Visit khanacademy.org/sat to learn more.

Eligibility for Scholarship Competitions* By taking the PSAT/NMSQT and meeting published entry requirements, your child may enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Go to www.nationalmerit.org to learn more. In addition, students taking the exam now have increased access to nearly \$180 million in combined annual awards for low-income and minority students through leading scholarship providers. Your child should opt into Student Search Service® when they take the PSAT/NMSQT to benefit from these opportunities. Learn more at collegeboard.org/sat-suite-scholarships.

Access to College/Career Planning Resources

Students' PSAT/NMSQT results will connect them to valuable resources that include:

- + An interactive PSAT/NMSQT score report that includes detailed answer explanations to help them practice for the SAT.
- + A detailed personality test to help students identify their interests and find majors and careers that are a good fit.
- + Tools allowing students to search for and explore colleges, majors, scholarships, and more on bigfuture.org.

Connect with Colleges

When your child takes the PSAT/NMSQT, he or she can say “Yes” to the Student Search Service. By participating, your child can receive free information about admission and financial aid from colleges, universities, and scholarship programs.

2016 PSAT/NMSQT Test Date: Thursday, Nov. 2 at 7:00am (room assignments will be posted outside of the cafeteria)

Get Started

Over 3.8 million students are already proving their skills and expanding their futures with the PSAT/NMSQT. Your child should:

- All 10th Grade students are scheduled for this free test and are expected to take the test. 11th Grade students are eligible to take the test and may register at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/VnRGb3xLBdm1zdxK2>

- Visit **khanacademy.org/sat** to start practicing for the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT.
- All 10th grade students will receive a copy of the *Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT*. Your 11th grade student will be provided a copy of the *Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT* when they pay Mrs. Long or receive a fee waiver. The *Student Guide* contains a full-length practice test. This practice test can also be found online at **collegeboard.org/psatpractice**.

The PSAT is a lengthy test, lasting approximately three and a half hours. Students are encouraged to get plenty of rest the night before the test and to eat a healthy breakfast that morning to ensure test readiness. All students taking the exam should come prepared with two No. 2 pencils an approved calculator and their home address.

After testing, students will follow their regular class schedule for the remainder of the day. Buses will run at their regularly scheduled times.

For information regarding college readiness, please visit:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>

Results

Understanding the PSAT Results for parents/students:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores/student-score-reports>