

PSAT 10 and PSAT/NMSQT

The Preliminary SAT

Test date for 2016: Wednesday, October 19

PSAT 10 is a paper-based assessment which includes five sections in three skill areas: Critical Reading, Mathematics, Writing Skills, along with other components that provide a way to link academic performance to educational and career planning.

Student assessment data from PSAT test results will help high school counselors determine student readiness and potential for success in Advanced Placement and other college preparatory courses, and identify students who may need additional instruction before enrolling in such courses. Materials are available to assist guidance counselors in using data to recognize students who, with encouragement and an increased understanding of the role of advanced courses in their academic careers, could be successful in such courses.

Student score reports (one for student, one for cumulative file) and school summary reports should arrive in our district in mid-December.

All public school, tenth grade students will test free of charge.

Students who take the **PSAT/NMSQT** during their 11th grade year may qualify for National Merit Scholarships. Public school Juniors, home-school students, or private school students who wish to take or retake the PSAT need to contact their school's Guidance Department or district office and must pay a registration fee if testing space is available. **The student cost of the PSAT/NMSQT is \$15.**

Please read the attachments below for more information about the PSAT.

What's on the test?

Find out at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/test-design>

Looking for a practice test?

Here are some helpful links: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-nmsqt-practice-test-1.pdf> (and the answers are located at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-nmsqt-practice-test-1-answers.pdf>)

What do I bring on the day of the test?

- Two No. 2 pencils with erasers
- An approved calculator
- Social security number (optional)
- Email address (optional)
- Current and valid school- or government-issued photo ID (for students not testing at their own school and home-schooled students only)

Are there things I cannot bring?

- Protractors, compasses, rulers
- Dictionaries or other books (there are no exceptions, even if English is not a student's first language)
- Pamphlets or papers of any kind
- Highlighters and colored pens or pencils
- Listening, recording, copying, or photographic devices (including watches and cell phones that contain cameras). Note: Cell phones and tablets must be turned off and put away during the entire test administration. We encourage you not to bring these items into the room at all.
- Food and beverages, including bottled water, unless approved by the College Board's Services for Students with Disabilities.

Why Should You Take the PSAT/NMSQT®?

Free SAT® Practice Powered by Khan Academy

You'll receive a unique SAT study plan based on your performance on the PSAT/NMSQT

that features:

- + Personalized online practice tailored to your strengths and weaknesses.
- + SAT practice questions and full-length tests.
- + Detailed feedback on your progress.

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Enter Scholarship Competitions*

By taking the PSAT/NMSQT and meeting published entry requirements, you 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. You should opt into Student Search Service® when you take the PSAT/NMSQT to benefit from these opportunities. Learn more at collegeboard.org/sat-suite-scholarships.

Discover Your AP®Potential

After you take the PSAT/NMSQT, you'll receive free feedback on your readiness for 20+ AP® courses.†

* See the 2015 Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT for details.

† Feedback is not available for eighth-grade and younger students. Feedback for ninth-grade students is only provided for AP European History and AP World History.

Access to College Planning Resources

Your PSAT/NMSQT results will connect you to valuable resources that include:

- + An interactive score report with answer explanations to help you practice for the SAT.
- + A detailed personality test to help you find majors and careers that fit your talents and interests.
- + Tools allowing you to search for and explore colleges, majors, scholarships, and more.

Connect with Colleges That Are Interested in You

Through the Student Search Service you can receive free information about admission and financial aid from colleges, universities, and scholarship programs that are interested in you. Just say “Yes” to the Student Search Service when you take the PSAT/NMSQT