



Your Teenager's First Step to College Opportunity

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) is the proven first step to college and career opportunity. By measuring reading, mathematics, and writing skills, the PSAT/NMSQT provides students with valuable college readiness feedback and tools to help them reach their college goals.

Benefits of the PSAT/NMSQT®

Information About AP® Potential

Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT receive free feedback on their aptitude for 20+ AP® courses.*

An SAT® Advantage

On average, students who take the PSAT/NMSQT score 133 points higher on the SAT than students who do not take the PSAT/NMSQT.

The PSAT/NMSQT and the SAT® have the same format and evaluate the same skills.

Using personalized feedback based on test results, the PSAT/NMSQT provides students with a custom SAT study plan.

PSAT/NMSQT scores are not sent to colleges. The PSAT/NMSQT is designed to uncover opportunities for growth and provide targeted feedback to help students improve their skills.

Eligibility for Scholarship Competitions†

By taking the PSAT/NMSQT in the 11th grade, your child may be eligible to enter competitions for college scholarships and other academic recognition programs, including:

The National Merit® Scholarship Program conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation

www.nationalmerit.org

Other scholarship and recognition programs

www.collegeboard.org/psat

* 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.

† Entry into scholarship programs is reserved for 11th-grade test-takers, with some exceptions. Please refer to the 2014 Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT for details.

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Access to One-Stop College Planning

My College QuickStart™, a free online tool, features valuable resources that include:

- An interactive PSAT/NMSQT score report that includes detailed answer explanations and the student's projected SAT score
- A detailed personality test to help students identify their interests and find majors and careers that are a good fit
- A personalized list of colleges based on the student's home state and intended major

Information from 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.‡

2014 PSAT/NMSQT Dates:

Wednesday, Oct. 15, or
Saturday, Oct. 18

Get Started

Over 3.5 million students are already proving their skills and expanding their futures with the PSAT/NMSQT. Early in the fall, your child should:

- Talk to his or her school counselor about signing up for the test.
- Ask his or her counselor for a copy of the *Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT*, which contains a full-length practice test.
- Visit www.collegeboard.org/psat for more information on the PSAT/NMSQT, scholarship opportunities, college planning, test-taking tips, and answer explanations for practice test questions.

‡ Colleges receive only select contact information and do not receive potentially sensitive information, such as Social Security numbers.

