



The First Step to College Opportunity

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) is your first step toward reaching your college goals.

It measures the reading, mathematics, and writing skills you need for college. After the test, you'll receive feedback on how ready you are for college and tools to help you improve.

Why Should You Take the PSAT/NMSQT®?

Discover Your AP® Potential

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

Get 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 you with a custom SAT study plan.

Scores are not sent to colleges. The PSAT/NMSQT is designed to uncover opportunities for growth and provide targeted feedback to help you improve your skills.

Enter Scholarship Competitions†

By taking the PSAT/NMSQT in the 11th grade, you may be eligible for scholarships and other academic recognition, 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.

† See 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 score report with answer explanations and your projected SAT score
- A detailed personality test to help you find majors and careers that fit your talents and interests
- A list of colleges that can be customized based on your interests

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.‡

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, be sure to:

- Talk to your school counselor about signing up for the test.
- Ask your 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 limited contact information and do not receive potentially sensitive information, such as Social Security numbers.

