



**Reach Your
College Goals**

PSAT/NMSQT®

An Overview

- Why Take the PSAT/NMSQT®
- Planning for College and Careers
- What to Expect ... and When





About the PSAT/NMSQT®
**PRELIMINARY SAT/NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING TEST**

The PSAT/NMSQT®: Reach Your College Goals

The PSAT/NMSQT

- is more than just a test score.
- provides personalized feedback on your academic strengths and the areas that need improvement.
- gives you the tools you need to improve your skills and get ready for the SAT®, college, and a career.

The PSAT/NMSQT® Evaluates What You've Learned in School

The PSAT/NMSQT evaluates the academic skills that you and your teachers work on every day in the classroom

- ◆ Critical Reading
- ◆ Mathematics
- ◆ Writing

Learn more at
www.collegeboard.com/psat.



The PSAT/NMSQT® as a Preliminary SAT®



PSAT/NMSQT and SAT

- Evaluate the same skills, as appropriate for grade level
- Have the same format and types of questions (except essay)
- Are administered in the same way so if you take the PSAT/NMSQT, you know what to expect on SAT test day

The PSAT/NMSQT® Helps Get You Ready for the SAT®

- On average, students who take the PSAT/NMSQT score 120 points higher on the SAT than those who don't.
- Students taking the PSAT/NMSQT twice score even higher.
- The PSAT/NMSQT provides tools to help you improve your skills before you take the SAT.



Personalized PSAT/NMSQT® Skills Feedback

The PSAT/NMSQT gives you the skills feedback you need to get ready for the SAT® and college.

PSAT/NMSQT skills feedback is:

- Personalized — you know exactly the skills you need to improve
- Early — you have plenty of time to improve
- Actionable — you have the resources you need to improve

The PSAT/NMSQT® Connects You to College Scholarships and Academic Recognition

National Merit Scholarship Corporation scholarship and recognition programs

- National Merit Program
- National Achievement Program
- www.nationalmerit.org



Other scholarship and recognition programs

- National Hispanic Recognition Program
- National Scholarship Service
- The Telluride Association
- www.collegeboard.com/psat



The PSAT/NMSQT® and Student Search Service®: Connecting You to Colleges and Scholarships

Student Search Service
helps interested colleges and
scholarship programs find you.

- When you register for the PSAT/NMSQT, you will have the opportunity to say “Yes” to Student Search Service
- Student Search Service shares some of the demographic and contact information that you provide
- Student Search Service does not share: scores, Social Security number, telephone number





What you get

**PERSONALIZED FEEDBACK
AND COLLEGE PLANNING TOOLS**

PSAT/NMSQT® Score Reports

Receiving your results

- ◆ You will receive your paper Score Report *Plus* from your school — generally sometime in December or January.
- ◆ You will be able to access an enhanced online score report through My College QuickStart™ once you've received your paper score report.



PSAT/NMSQT® Score Report Plus: Looking beyond your scores

Name: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXXXX X Year: XXXX Grade: XX School Code: XXXXXX Optimal Code: XX Student Copy

PSAT/NMSQT®
Score Report Plus

Critical Reading **Mathematics** **Writing Skills**

Your Scores

Section Scores: Are the scores you received on the PSAT/NMSQT® test. You can collect up to four separate PSAT/NMSQT® scores in a year.

Score Range: Scores in this range are similar to yours.

Percentile: The percentage of students who scored below your score.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

National Merit Scholarship Corporation has selected three honorees from the PSAT/NMSQT® scores in each state to receive the National Merit® Scholarships. These scholars will enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program, the most prestigious program of secondary school achievement in the United States.

Entry Requirements: Information you provided on your answer sheet.

Your Selection Index: Sum of scores from writing, reading, and mathematics.

186

Percentile: Your relative performance with college-bound seniors.

47

Eligibility Information: If your Teacher Identifier is listed among the teachers you've taught the previous three years, you will be considered next year.

50 **72** **34**

World 10 to 80 10 to 80

You scored higher than 50% of juniors. You scored higher than 82% of seniors. You scored higher than 28% of juniors.

Your Skills

Demos and strategies can help you understand your scores and focus your study efforts before you take the PSAT/NMSQT® again.

To learn more about your skills and receive suggestions for improving them, visit our website, www.collegeboard.com/quickstart, or call 1-800-234-4673.

Online Access Code: **A02670146P**

Determining the Meaning of Words
10 of 10 questions correct (100%)

Author's Craft, Style, Tone & Technique
3 of 3 questions correct (100%)

Reasoning & Inference
10 of 10 questions correct (100%)

Organizing Ideas
2 of 2 questions correct (100%)

Understanding Literary Elements
4 of 4 questions correct (100%)

Number & Operations
12 of 15 questions correct (80%)

Algebra & Functions
5 of 5 questions correct (100%)

Geometry & Measurement
10 of 10 questions correct (100%)

Data, Statistics & Probability
4 of 4 questions correct (100%)

Reasoning for Improving Your Skills Before You Take the SAT®
www.collegeboard.com/quickstart

Generalized Relationships between Words
3 of 3 questions correct (100%)

Words & Phrases Used to Modify or Compare
1 of 2 questions correct (50%)

Phrases & Clauses
4 of 4 questions correct (100%)

Correctly Formed Sentences
1 of 1 questions correct (100%)

Relationships of Sentences & Paragraphs
2 of 2 questions correct (100%)

Your Answers

See next page and review each section of the test at www.collegeboard.com/quickstart.

You can review your answers to each question by copying your test book back as you can review the questions.

Key:

- Correct
- Incorrect
- Not answered
- Not applicable

Scoring:

- Correct answer = PLUS 1 POINT
- Partial answer = 1/4 POINTS
- Wrong answer = zero points
- Not applicable = zero points
- Not answered = zero points
- Right or wrong answers counted in scores on the 23-40 scale.

Next Steps

On average, the next step toward SAT success is to take the PSAT/NMSQT® again. Your local college board or testing center can provide further planning information.

Can and do you talk at least twice a month in Sport & Fitness Administrators?

To learn more about college majors, visit My College Guide™. There you can also:

- Learn about career paths
- Take a college quiz
- Take a personality test

Take the next step today! Go to www.collegeboard.com/quickstart and sign in using your code below.

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Sample Test Questions

New Answer:

1. A	✓	2. B	✓	3. C	✓	4. D	✓	5. E	✓	6. F	✓	7. G	✓	8. H	✓	9. I	✓	10. J	✓	11. K	✓	12. L	✓	13. M	✓	14. N	✓	15. O	✓	16. P	✓	17. Q	✓	18. R	✓	19. S	✓	20. T	✓	21. U	✓	22. V	✓	23. W	✓	24. X	✓	25. Y	✓	26. Z	✓	27. A	✓	28. B	✓	29. C	✓	30. D	✓	31. E	✓	32. F	✓	33. G	✓	34. H	✓	35. I	✓	36. J	✓	37. K	✓	38. L	✓	39. M	✓	40. N	✓	41. O	✓	42. P	✓	43. Q	✓	44. R	✓	45. S	✓	46. T	✓	47. U	✓	48. V	✓	49. W	✓	50. X	✓
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Final very very final questions: www.collegeboard.com/quickstart

My College QuickStart™

 My College QuickStart is a personalized online college and career planning tool that lets you:

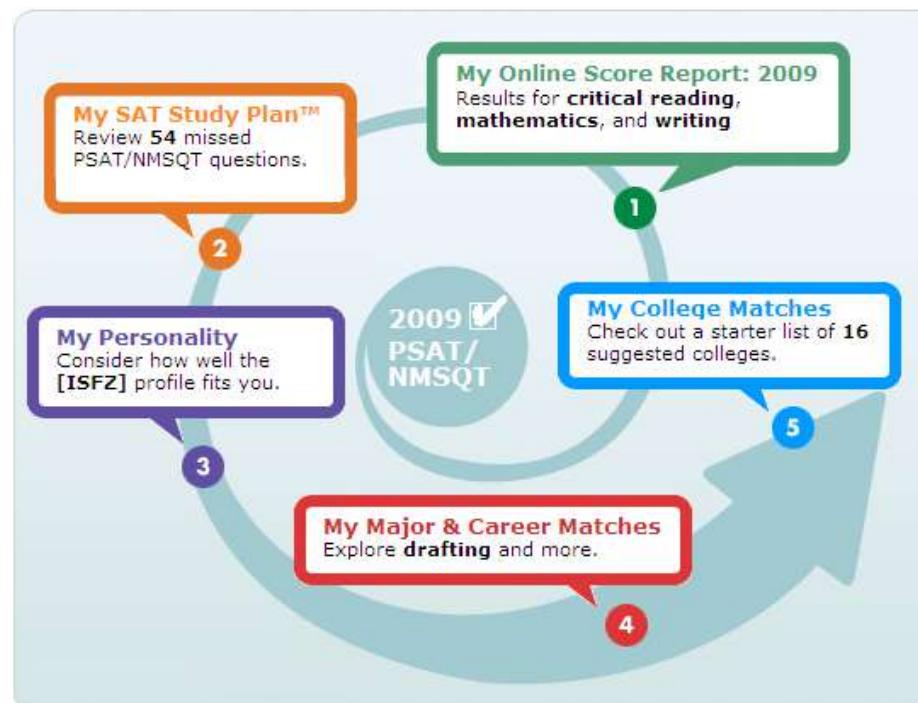
- Search for colleges
- Explore majors and careers
- See correct answers and explanations
- Get a personalized SAT® study plan
- Take a personality test

Unlimited use for all PSAT/NMSQT® takers until you graduate from high school

My College QuickStart™: Improve Your Skills

Look beyond scores

- Personalized feedback on the skills you need to improve
- Hundreds of practice questions and explanations
- A full-length SAT® Practice Test



My College QuickStart™: Plan for College and Careers

Explore your future

- Personality test to help you learn more about your strengths and interests
- Hundreds of majors and careers to explore
- Customizable college search





What to expect with the
PSAT/NMSQT®

PSAT/NMSQT® Administration Dates

2010 Test Dates:

- Wednesday, Oct. 13
- Saturday, Oct. 16



PSAT/NMSQT® Test Day

You should bring:

- Two No. 2 pencils.
- An approved calculator for use on math sections. You are encouraged to bring a calculator that you're comfortable using.

You should know:

- Social Security number (optional)
- E-mail address (optional)

PSAT/NMSQT® Questions: Making Educated Guesses

 **The PSAT/NMSQT is scored differently from other tests you've taken.**

How it works:

- ◀ When you are uncertain of the answer to a question on the PSAT/NMSQT, it will benefit you to use educated guessing.
- ◀ Educated guessing means guessing an answer whenever you can eliminate one or more of the choices as definitely wrong.
- ◀ Random guessing is not recommended since $\frac{1}{4}$ point is deducted for each wrong answer.
- ◀ If you can't eliminate one or more of the choices as definitely wrong, skip that question and move on to the next one.

PSAT/NMSQT® Official Student Guide

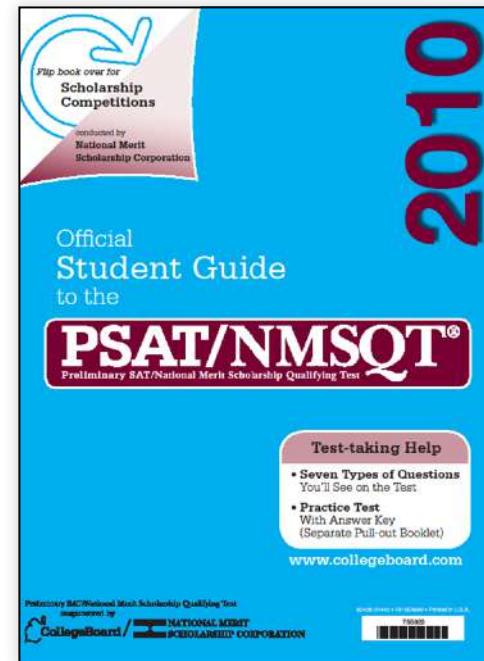
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- Includes a full-length practice test and more information on National Merit Scholarships

Visit the PSAT/NMSQT online

- View answer explanations for practice test
- Get more practice questions and useful tips

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