



**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

Year: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Year: XXXX Grade: XX School Code: XXXXXX District Code: XX Student Copy

PSAT/NMSQT® Score Report Plus

Critical Reading

Your Scores

Section Score: **50**

Score Range: 10-38

Percentile: 50th

Mathematics

Your Scores

Section Score: **72**

Score Range: 10-38

Percentile: 72nd

Writing Skills

Your Scores

Section Score: **34**

Score Range: 10-38

Percentile: 34th

Key Features

- Writing Skills:** 12-year independent subscore that, along with the Critical Reading subscore, can be used to request recognition; you may be notified next September.
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Your Skills

Download and explore our help you understand your score and how your study efforts before you start in college.

Understanding the Meaning of Words

10 of 10 questions correct (100%)

Author's Craft: Style, Tone & Technique

2 of 2 questions correct (100%)

Reasoning & Reference

8 of 10 questions correct (80%)

Organization & Ideas

2 of 4 questions correct (50%)

Understanding Literary Elements

4 of 10 questions correct (40%)

Reading & Reasoning

12 of 10 questions correct (120%)

Algebra & Functions

1 of 4 questions correct (25%)

Geometry & Measurement

3 of 9 questions correct (33%)

Data, Statistics & Probability

3 of 8 questions correct (38%)

Relationships between Words

3 of 12 questions correct (25%)

Words & Phrases that Modify or Compare

1 of 4 questions correct (25%)

Purpose & Choice

6 of 9 questions correct (67%)

Contextually Focused Sentences

1 of 4 questions correct (25%)

Relationships of Sentences & Paragraphs

2 of 8 questions correct (25%)

Your Answers

See test questions and review explanations of the answers at www.collegeboard.com/quickstart.

You can also mail your score report for a copy of your test book back as you can receive the questions.

Key:
 • correct
 ○ incorrect
 ○ unanswered
 ○ missed

Scoring:

- Over score +1000
- Net for wrong +1000
- Wrong answer to multiple-choice -1000
- Wrong answer to short-answer -1000
- Missed question -1000
- Missed question to wrong answer -1000
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Next Steps

Go online to see your potential SAT scores, how your response time, and feedback (College and Career Planning Information).

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

College Board Code: **A02670146P**

My College QuickStart™

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

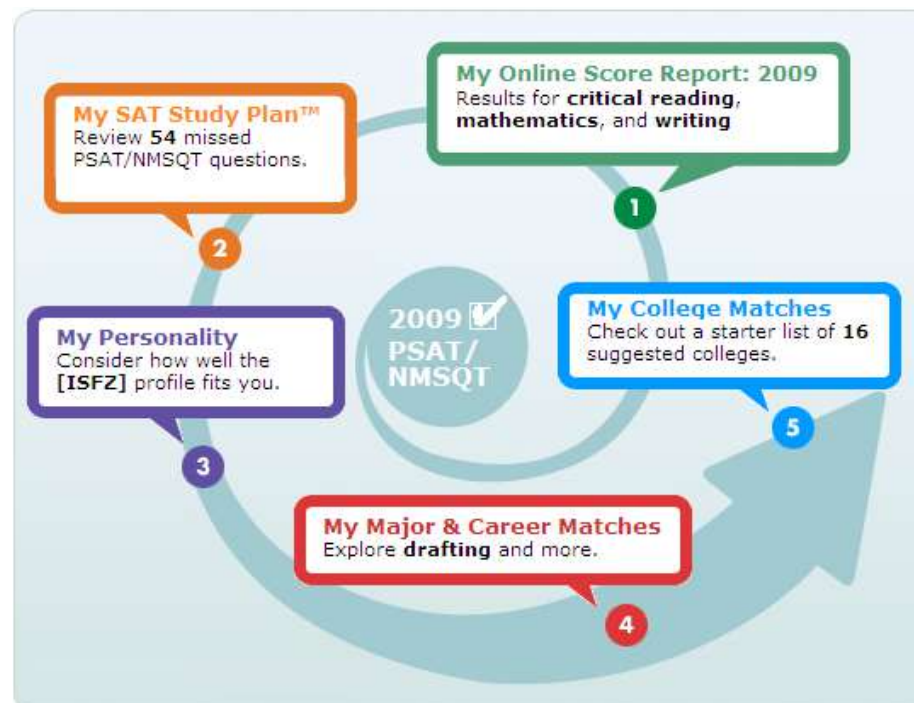
- Search for colleges
- Explore majors and careers
- See correct answers and explanations
- Get a personalized SAT® study plan
- Take a personality test

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

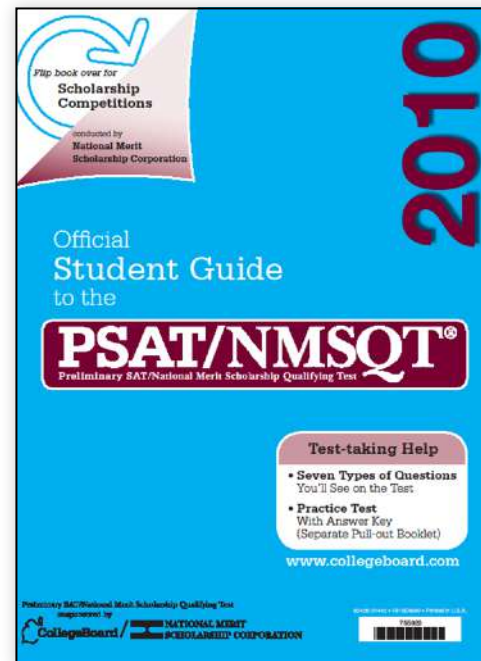
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- Includes a full-length practice test and more information on National Merit Scholarships

Visit the PSAT/NMSQT online

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

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