

What

- ▶ **A comprehensive assessment program** that measures college readiness and provides students with the tools they need to start planning for the future.
- ▶ **Used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation** as an initial screening of entrants in its annual competitions for recognition and college scholarships (typically, entrants are in their third year of high school).
- ▶ **Measures skills in three academic areas:** reading, writing and language, and math.
- ▶ **Rigorously developed** by experts and content specialists, with comprehensive reviews and analyses to ensure that test questions are fair for all students.
- ▶ **An integral component of the SAT Suite of Assessments**, a series of assessments that also includes the SAT® for 11th- and 12th-graders, PSAT™ 10 for 10th-graders, and PSAT™ 8/9 for eighth- and ninth-graders.
- ▶ **A low-cost solution** for schools and districts interested in measuring performance, improving outcomes, and building a college-going culture.

Why

- ▶ **Improves teaching and learning:** A consistent online reporting portal allows educators to analyze data and visualize results across all of the tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments and prescribe interventions when students are ahead or behind. Scores are available in specific content areas, tied to state standards and benchmarks, and indicate whether students are on target for college.
- ▶ **Increases participation in the Advanced Placement Program® (AP®):** The online AP Potential™ tool identifies students likely to succeed in AP, helping educators expand access to challenging courses.
- ▶ **Supports college and career planning:** Students receive an interactive score report with answer explanations, their projected SAT score, and feedback on their readiness for 20+ AP® courses.*They will also connect to resources that allow them to search for colleges and explore majors and careers.
- ▶ **Khan Academy:** Students get free SAT® practice powered by **Khan Academy**. After receiving their PSAT/NMSQT scores, they will receive a unique SAT study plan based on their performance. Khan Academy practice can also be used to prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT® because of the close alignment of the tests (khanacademy.org/sat).
- ▶ **Provides entry into scholarship programs:** The PSAT/NMSQT provides entry into the National Merit® Scholarship Program conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation and increased access to other scholarship and recognition programs.

How

- ▶ **Ordering:** Each school identifies a PSAT/NMSQT Coordinator to order tests online at collegeboard.org/school.
- ▶ **Fees:** The 2015 test fee is \$15 per student. Fee waivers are available for eligible juniors. The school's PSAT/NMSQT Coordinator should request the fee waivers by June 30 at collegeboard.org/school.
- ▶ **Services for Students with Disabilities:** The College Board must approve all accommodations prior to testing. For more information, visit collegeboard.org/ssd.
- ▶ **Administration:** The test is administered annually in schools, and takes approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes (plus 45–50 minutes for administration activities).

When

- ▶ 2015 test dates are **Wednesday, Oct. 14 (Recommended Test Date)**, and **Wednesday, Oct. 28 (Alternate Test Date)**.

Who

- ▶ Approximately 3.8 million students take the PSAT/NMSQT each fall.
- ▶ Primarily 10th- and 11th-graders.
- ▶ Typically, students must test in the 11th grade to qualify for scholarships and recognition, but testing in the 10th grade provides early feedback while there is still time to plan and prepare.

Where

- ▶ For more information about the SAT Suite of Assessments, visit collegeboard.org/sat-suite.

*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.