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## PSAT/NMSQT® Skills Crosswalk

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The redesigned PSAT/NMSQT® will be administered beginning in October 2015. Educators can use this table to see how skills reported on the 2014 PSAT/NMSQT assessment can help them prepare students for the skills tested on the redesigned exam.

For the first time, the redesigned PSAT/NMSQT will also report on skills through subscores that can help students and educators target strengths and focus on skill-level areas for practice.

## Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: Writing and Language Test

2014 PSAT/NMSQT	2015 PSAT/NMSQT	
Skills	Related Skills	Related Subscores
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Grammatical relationships between words</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Effective language use</li> <li>▶ Sentence structure</li> <li>▶ Conventions of usage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Expression of Ideas</li> <li>▶ Standard English Conventions</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Words &amp; phrases used to modify or compare</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Sentence structure</li> <li>▶ Conventions of usage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Standard English Conventions</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Phrases &amp; clauses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Sentence structure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Standard English Conventions</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Correctly formed sentences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Sentence structure</li> <li>▶ Conventions of punctuation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Standard English Conventions</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Relationships of sentences and paragraphs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Development</li> <li>▶ Organization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Expression of Ideas</li> <li>▶ Command of Evidence*</li> </ul>

\*Reading and Writing and Language Tests

## Evidence-Based Reading and Writing: Reading Test

2014 PSAT/NMSQT	2015 PSAT/NMSQT	
Skills	Related Skills	Related Subscores
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Determining the meaning of words</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Interpreting words and phrases in context</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Words in Context*</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Author’s craft: style, tone, and technique</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Analyzing word choice</li> <li>▶ Analyzing text structure</li> <li>▶ Analyzing point of view</li> <li>▶ Analyzing purpose</li> <li>▶ Analyzing arguments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Words in Context*</li> <li>▶ Command of Evidence*</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Reasoning and inference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Reading closely</li> <li>▶ Citing textual evidence</li> <li>▶ Determining central ideas and themes</li> <li>▶ Summarizing</li> <li>▶ Understanding relationships</li> <li>▶ Analyzing multiple texts</li> <li>▶ Analyzing quantitative information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Command of Evidence*</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Organization and ideas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Reading closely</li> <li>▶ Determining central ideas and themes</li> <li>▶ Analyzing text structure</li> <li>▶ Analyzing purpose</li> <li>▶ Analyzing arguments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Command of Evidence*</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Understanding literary elements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Analyzing word choice</li> <li>▶ Analyzing text structure</li> <li>▶ Analyzing point of view</li> <li>▶ Analyzing purpose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Words in Context*</li> </ul>

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# Math Test

2014 PSAT/NMSQT	2015 PSAT/NMSQT	
Skills	Related Skills	Related Subscores
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Number and operations</li> <li>▶ Data analysis, statistics, and probability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Solve problems involving ratios, proportions, percentages, and units</li> <li>▶ Apply understanding of statistical concepts to scatterplots, sample statistics, and data-based reports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Problem Solving and Data Analysis</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Algebra and functions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Create linear equations and inequalities based on a context</li> <li>▶ Fluently solve linear equations and systems of linear equations</li> <li>▶ Apply underlying concepts of linear relationships by interpreting terms and graphing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Heart of Algebra</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Algebra and functions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Create nonlinear equations based on a context</li> <li>▶ Fluently simplify expressions and solve nonlinear equations</li> <li>▶ Apply underlying concepts of nonlinear relationships by interpreting terms and graphing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Passport to Advanced Math</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Geometry and measurement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Solve problems involving area and volume</li> <li>▶ Fluently solve problems using line, angle, and triangle theorems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Additional Topics in Math</li> </ul>

This table is also available online at [collegeboard.org/crosswalk](http://collegeboard.org/crosswalk).