

Reach Your College Goals. Start with the PSAT/NMSQT®.

The PSAT/NMSQT® (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) evaluates the skills you've developed in three academic areas: critical reading, mathematics and writing. But the PSAT/NMSQT is more than a test — **it also provides the tools you need to reach your college goals.**

Why Should I Take the PSAT/NMSQT?

SAT® Preparation and Skills Feedback

The PSAT/NMSQT and the SAT® evaluate the same skills. Taking the PSAT/NMSQT along with a rigorous high school curriculum is the best preparation for the SAT, a widely recognized college admission test.

Your PSAT/NMSQT Score Report *Plus* and online My College QuickStart™ account will give you personalized feedback and practice SAT questions.

Enter Scholarship Competitions

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

Programs conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation:
www.nationalmerit.org

Other scholarship and recognition programs
www.collegeboard.org/psat



On average, students who take the PSAT/NMSQT score 145 points higher on the SAT than those who don't.

Access One-Stop College Planning with My College QuickStart™

My College QuickStart includes:

- An interactive score report with answer explanations and your projected SAT score
- A personalized SAT study plan that includes hundreds of free practice questions
- A detailed personality test to help you find majors and careers that fit your talents and interests
- A personalized list of colleges that match your interests

Accessing My College QuickStart

Your PSAT/NMSQT Score Report *Plus* (distributed by your school in December or January) includes a unique code that gives you unlimited access to My College QuickStart. This online tool is personalized just for you and can be used on your terms — at your convenience — until you graduate from high school.

www.collegeboard.org/quickstart

Connect with Colleges that Are Interested in You

Through the Student Search Service® (SSS®), you can receive free admission and financial aid information 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.

Interested colleges will receive some of the demographic and contact information that you provide. They will not receive your scores, Social Security number or telephone number.

Next Steps

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered at school on either Wednesday, Oct. 17, or Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012. 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, test-taking tips and answer explanations for practice test questions

For more information on the PSAT/NMSQT, scholarship opportunities and college planning, visit www.collegeboard.org/psat.