



Additional Information on the PSAT/NMSQT & SAT

The answers provided to these questions will inform Superintendents if the State-Sponsored College Entrance Exams (CEE) PSAT/NMSQT & SAT are right for their district.

Before Testing

- Describe the typical student that signs up for the PSAT/NMSQT & SAT.
 - The PSAT/NMSQT and SAT School Day assessments are part of the College Board's SAT Suite of Assessments, which is a vertically aligned set of assessments that can be used to measure student growth over time. This set of assessments focuses on the durable knowledge and skills that evidence shows matter most for college and career readiness and success. The tests are connected by the same underlying content continuum of knowledge and skills, and when used together, provide multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate their achievement and make improvements. Further, these assessments provide opportunities for students to connect with scholarship opportunities and explore college and career options. The PSAT/NMSQT and SAT provide all students with valuable insight about their academic progress and helps identify and encourage students to pursue advanced learning options via College Board's AP Potential tool.
- What is the rostering process for the PSAT/NMSQT & SAT?
 - For PSAT/NMSQT, districts and/or schools, just as they do today, have the option of providing College Board with a file that includes data about all students that will take the test about six to eight weeks before the test. Districts/schools that provide this file will receive pre-ID labels for their students. Each school orders testing materials via the College Board Test Ordering Site in accordance with the ordering deadlines for each testing date. Schools can administer the PSAT/NMSQT on multiple testing dates, but students may only test once unless an irregularity requires a make-up test.
 - For SAT School Day, districts and/or schools, just as they do today, will provide College Board with a bulk registration file that includes data about all eligible students that will take the test about eight to ten weeks before the primary test date and College Board registers these students. Schools will receive test



materials for the registered students, as well as extra materials to support any student who may be new to the school since the bulk registration file was submitted.

- What are some ways students can prepare to take the PSAT/NMSQT & SAT?
 - The best preparation for taking the PSAT/NSMQT and SAT is high quality daily instruction and learning. The content of the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT is strongly aligned to Idaho's Content Standards. There are two preparation options for students to help them feel confident about taking the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT. First, students should become familiar with the format and timing of the assessments. Students can do this by taking a free full-length practice test, which is available online. Sample test questions are also provided as part of the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT School Day Student Guides, which College Board provides for every student planning to take these assessments. Educators also have access to the SAT Suite of Assessments Question Bank, which contains thousands of practice questions that they can use with their students to build familiarity with question types included on the assessments. Second, students can create a personalized practice plan to strengthen their knowledge and skills. College Board has partnered with Khan Academy to provide world-class, free, personalized practice via our Official SAT Practice program. Students are provided with the ability to take full-length SAT practice tests, practice by skill areas where they have room for improvement, utilize question explanation and videos to support their learning of skills and concepts, and develop a practice plan leading up to test day.
- What types of accommodations are available for students that take the PSAT/NMSQT & SAT?
 - College Board considers all requests for accommodations needed by students with documented disabilities. When granted accommodations, a student can use those accommodations on all College Board assessments. Accommodations available include (not an exhaustive list):
 - Extended time;
 - Extra/extended breaks;



- Recording response accommodations, like large print answer sheets and use of a computer to record responses;
- Assistive technology;
- Reading and seeing test accommodations, like prerecorded audio (MP3 via streaming) and large print tests.

During Testing:

- Are the PSAT/NMSQT & SAT administered online or paper/pencil?
 - For the 2022-23 school year, the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT are administered using paper/pencil.
 - Note: Beginning in the 2023-24 academic year, the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT School Day assessments will be delivered digitally.
- Where and when is the PSAT/NMSQT & SAT administered?
 - The fall 2022 PSAT/NMSQT test dates are:
 - October 12 (primary)
 - October 15 (Saturday)
 - October 27 (alternate)
 - The spring 2023 SAT School Day administration dates are:
 - April 12 (primary)
 - April 25 (makeup)
- Who administers the PSAT/NMSQT & SAT to the student?
 - Each school will assign a staff member to be the test coordinator to take care of all test preparation and administration tasks. The school will also assign staff to serve as proctors, hall monitors, and room monitors.
- About how long does it take for an average student to complete the PSAT/NMSQT & SAT?



- The testing time for PSAT/NMSQT is about 2 hours 45 minutes.
- The testing time for SAT is about 3 hours.
- Schools should also plan for additional time to complete administrative activities.

After Testing:

- How long after testing does it take to receive the scores on the PSAT/NMSQT & SAT?
 - PSAT/NMSQT scores are available beginning in late November.
 - Scores for SAT School Day are available about 3-4 weeks following the test date. Specific dates for each test date can be found [here](#).
- How are scores from the PSAT/NMSQT & SAT transmitted to/ posted for the students/ parents?
 - Students and families can access scores online via the College Board's online Student Reporting Portal. To access their scores, students will need to create a College Board student account. A demonstration of the SAT Suite online student score report can be found [here](#). In addition to their scores on the PSAT/NMSAT and/or SAT, students are provided with information about their readiness to be successful in advance academic courses, like Advanced Placement; college and career planning tools; and scholarship resources.
- How many and what types of colleges accept scores from the PSAT/NMSQT & SAT?
 - Dozens of scholarship partners, including the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, use PSAT/NMSQT scores to identify students that might be a good fit for their scholarship programs. More information about PSAT/NMSQT scholarship partners can be found [here](#).
 - Thousands of colleges, universities, and scholarship partners throughout the country accept SAT scores. More information about sending SAT scores to colleges can be found [here](#).
- What are the resources that are available to improve scores on the PSAT/NMSQT & SAT?



- Students can utilize the information provided on their score report to identify their strengths and areas for improvement. The Skills Insight section of the student score report explains the knowledge and skills students have demonstrated, as well as the knowledge and skills needed to improve. In addition, student can utilize Official SAT Practice via Khan Academy to create free, personalized practice plans to help improve their scores.
- Educators can utilize the robust data and reports provided to schools and districts via the K12 Educator Reporting Portal to identify strengths and areas of improvement for their entire school and/or district. At the school level, educators can identify groups of students based on scores and sub-scores for additional support. Educators can use the data and reports in conjunction with the [SAT Suite Question Bank](#) to make connections between student performance and daily curriculum and instruction.

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