

2020-21

Test Dates

PSAT/NMSQT

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

The 2020 PSAT/NMSQT® is the qualifying test students take to enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program and compete for recognition and college scholarships to be awarded in 2022. (See further information under “Benefits.”)

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PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9

The PSAT 8/9 sets a readiness baseline, and the PSAT 10 serves as a “check-in” on progress, allowing students and teachers to pinpoint areas for focused practice as students progress through high school. The PSAT 10 covers the same content areas as the PSAT/NMSQT. For both the PSAT 10 and the PSAT 8/9, schools may test on any weekday during the testing periods.

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Order Online

Our website walks users through a streamlined ordering process and provides up-to-date statuses for all orders on a single dashboard.

Sign Up—Sign In—Order

Test coordinators need two things:

1. An account at ordering.collegeboard.org. If you used the site last year, sign in with the same username and password. If this is your first time registering, sign up for an account.
2. Your school and access codes.

Check Your Shipping Address

When you log in to ordering.collegeboard.org, please check the shipping address on file. The address must be a physical address to which a traceable courier (e.g., UPS or DHL) will deliver shipments.

See inside for information on how to update your shipping address.

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PSAT/NMSQT

2020 Test Dates

OCT
14

Primary:
Wednesday

OCT
17

Saturday

OCT
28

Alternate:
Wednesday

PSAT 10

2021 Test Dates

FEB MAR
22–26

APR
13–30

PSAT 8/9

2020 21 Test Dates

SEP MAR
21–26

APR
13–30

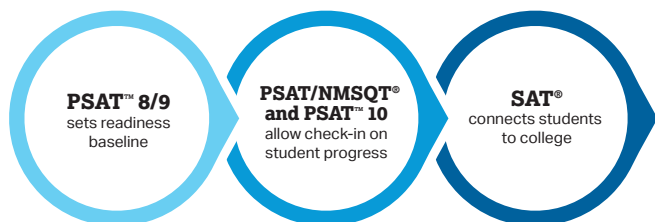
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Benefits

The PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 are highly relevant to your students' future success because they focus on the skills and knowledge needed for college and career readiness.



If you make the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 an integral part of your school year:

- You can focus on the same skills and knowledge as the SAT, in a way that makes sense for different grade levels.
- Your students will make progress toward college and career readiness.
- Your teachers can identify students who are falling behind and those who are ready for more challenging work (like Advanced Placement® Program courses).
- You will be able to use data to set and support school improvement goals.
- You will have the data you need to evaluate your school or district's curriculum and instruction.

Rich Score Report Data

Scores are released through the online score reporting portal, which supports effective decision making with standard reports, interactive data analysis tools, and secure file downloading.

Online score reports support instructional and curricular planning by providing:

- Benchmarks that indicate whether students are on target for college and career training.
- Data teachers can use to prescribe interventions when students are behind or need to accelerate.
- Test subscores in specific content areas tied to state standards.
- Access to the AP Potential™ tool for advising students in grade nine or higher.
- An *Understanding Scores* guide to help staff interpret student scores.

National Merit® Scholarship Program

To enter the National Merit Scholarship Program, which is conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation, students must take the PSAT/NMSQT in the specified year of their high school program (usually the junior year) and meet other published participation requirements.

You can find information about the program, entry requirements, and scholarships to be offered in 2022 in the *Guide to the National Merit Scholarship Program* (for educators), on NMSC's website at www.nationalmerit.org, and in the 2020 *PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide*, delivered to schools this fall.

Note: The PSAT/NMSQT is the official route of entry to the National Merit Scholarship Program. The PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 are not considered for entry to the program.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

More than \$255 million in additional scholarships is available for qualified students who take the PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10. Learn more at psat.org/scholarships.

FREE PRACTICE

Personalized Study with Khan Academy

Students who sign up for Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® and link their College Board account get a personalized study plan based on their results on tests such as the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 so they can focus on the skills they need to work on most. Educators can use the coaching tools to view practice and progress for entire classes and individual students. Learn more at satpractice.org/k12.

Paper-and-Pencil Practice

Official PSAT/NMSQT practice tests are available online, and one is included in the *PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide*. Official PSAT 10 practice tests are also available online.

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PSAT/NMSQT

PSAT 10

PSAT 8/9

THE BASICS

Who	10th and 11th graders	10th graders	8th and 9th graders
When	Wednesday, October 14, 2020 (schools that cannot test on this date may administer the PSAT/NMSQT on the Saturday or alternate test date)	<i>Schools choose a date.</i> Testing Periods: February 22–March 26, 2021 April 13–30, 2021	<i>Schools choose a date.</i> Testing Periods: September 21, 2020–March 26, 2021 See psat.org/important-dates for more information on ordering dates/ deadlines during this period. April 13–30, 2021
Scholarships	Used by scholarship programs to identify eligible students. The PSAT/NMSQT is the official route of entry to the National Merit Scholarship Program.	Used by scholarship programs to identify eligible students but <i>not</i> considered for the National Merit Scholarship Program.	N/A

TESTING TIME

Actual Testing Time	2 hours and 45 minutes	2 hours and 45 minutes	2 hours and 25 minutes
Administrative Tasks Time	50 minutes (approx.)	50 minutes (approx.)	30–35 minutes (approx.)
Total Time	3 hours and 35 minutes	3 hours and 35 minutes	3 hours

FEES

Schools may charge students an additional fee to cover administrative costs (must apply to all students).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$17 per student tested ▪ \$4 charge for each unused test exceeding 20% of the total number ordered (unused tests cannot be returned for a refund). ▪ \$8 shipping for schools outside the United States, U.S. territories, and Canada | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$17 per student tested ▪ \$4 charge for each unused test exceeding 20% of the total number ordered (unused tests cannot be returned for a refund). ▪ \$8 shipping for schools outside the United States, U.S. territories, and Canada | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$13 per student tested ▪ \$4 charge for each unused test exceeding 20% of the total number ordered (unused tests cannot be returned for a refund). ▪ \$8 shipping for schools outside the United States, U.S. territories, and Canada |
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SHIPMENTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open your shipment immediately to ensure you have received the correct materials. Contact us at +1-212-237-1335 to report a problem like missing or damaged materials. ▪ If you need to change your test date after test materials have been shipped, the change must be authorized by the PSAT/NMSQT office prior to the test date. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open your shipment immediately to ensure you have received the correct materials. Contact us at +1-212-237-1335 to report a problem like missing or damaged materials. ▪ If you need to change your test date after test materials have been shipped, securely store all test materials at the school until the new test day. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open your shipment immediately to ensure you have received the correct materials. Contact us at +1-212-237-1335 to report a problem like missing or damaged materials. ▪ If you need to change your test date after test materials have been shipped, securely store all test materials at the school until the new test day. |
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Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)

Testing with Accommodations

Accommodated test formats, such as large print, braille, and MP3 audio, are available for the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 for students who require accommodations due to a disability.

All accommodations for the PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 must be approved by College Board before test day. College Board doesn't need to review accommodations for PSAT 8/9—the student's school determines these accommodations.

Requests for accommodations for the PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 should be received by the deadlines listed in the timeline to ensure a decision is made and test materials are delivered on time.

Ordering Accommodated Test Formats

Order accommodated test formats at ordering.collegeboard.org. For PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10, accommodated materials should be ordered after accommodations are approved.

Order standard test books for students whose accommodations do not require a specific test format (e.g., extended time). Unused test fees are applied to accommodated, as well as standard, test formats. Find more information at collegeboard.org/ssd.

Information for Students

Students who wish to take the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9 on a different date from that offered by your school should find a nearby school that offers the test by going online to collegeboard.org/school-search. Students who are temporarily studying abroad and need assistance locating a school should contact us before August 12, 2020.

Contact Us

✉ psat@info.collegeboard.org
ssd@info.collegeboard.org for SSD

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UPDATING YOUR SHIPPING ADDRESS

Your school's shipping address appears on the test ordering site ordering.collegeboard.org and in the order confirmation email. Please review that address and confirm the following:

- The shipping address is a physical address within your host country to which a traceable courier (e.g., UPS or DHL) will deliver shipments.
- The shipping address is NOT a Post Office Box, an APO/FPO address, or an off-site address outside your school's host country.

If your shipping address needs correcting, please send a letter on school letterhead, signed by your school principal or head of school as an attachment to codecontrol@ets.org by August 12, 2020.

In the letter, please include your school's name, school code, the old and new shipping addresses, and phone number. We will respond to your email to confirm that we have updated your shipping address in our database.

Important Dates: 2020-21 School Year

Key ordering and delivery dates for schools outside the U.S. offering the PSAT-related assessments in 2020-21.

2020 PSAT/NMSQT

DATES	DEADLINES
Aug. 5, 2020	Deadline to reduce PSAT/NMSQT test book orders.
Aug. 25	Deadline for schools to request SSD testing accommodations for students with disabilities.
Sept. 16	Deadline to order standard and accommodated test materials.
Oct. 14	Primary Wednesday PSAT/NMSQT test day.
Oct. 15	Return answer sheets from the Oct. 14 administration.
Oct. 17	Saturday PSAT/NMSQT test day.
Oct. 19	Return answer sheets from the Oct. 17 administration.
Oct. 28	Alternate Wednesday PSAT/NMSQT test day.
Oct. 29	Return answer sheets from the Oct. 28 administration.

2020-21 PSAT 8/9

DATES	DEADLINES
	Order test books no fewer than five weeks before the test administration.
Sept. 21, 2020– March 26, 2021	September–March testing takes place.
April 13–30, 2021	April testing takes place.

2021 PSAT 10

DATES	DEADLINES
Dec. 11, 2020	Deadline for schools to submit testing accommodation requests for students with disabilities taking the PSAT 10 in February and March.
Jan. 15, 2021	Deadline to order test materials for February and March.
Feb. 19	Deadline to order test materials for April.
Feb. 22	Deadline for schools to submit testing accommodation requests for students with disabilities taking the PSAT 10 in April.
Feb. 22– March 26	February–March testing takes place.
April 13–30	April testing takes place.

Scores

PSAT/NMSQT scores are released to k12reports.collegeboard.org; paper and student reports follow shortly after. For PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9, online scores and interpretive materials will be available depending on when schools return answer sheets. Paper score reports will be mailed soon after online scores are available.

Find all dates and deadlines at psat.org/important-dates.

See sat.org/covid19 for all coronavirus-related updates to our test administrations.