

PSAT NMSQT: Parent/ Student Information

Date of PSAT 10/NMSQT: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 7:40 AM

Location: Stranahan High School

WHY SHOULD STUDENTS TAKE THE PSAT/NMSQT OR THE PSAT 10?

The PSAT/NMSQT® and the PSAT™ 10 offer great preparation for the SAT®. They also provide students and their teachers with actionable information about their academic skills. Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT or the PSAT 10 will get both an online score report at studentscores.collegeboard.org and an official paper score report. They will receive an overall test score (320–1520) as well as individual section scores test scores, cross-test scores, and sub scores. Students will also get information on how to improve their academic skills. **A 430 on the Math Section of the PSAT 10/NMST is a concordant score for the Algebra 1 EOC.**

Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT in their third year of high school (11th grade) and meet other program entry requirements may enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program. They may also qualify for other programs such as the National Hispanic Recognition Program. For more information, see your school counselor.

Students who take the practice test can get free personalized online SAT practice recommendations on Khan Academy®, which can be used to improve their skills and prepare for both the PSAT/NMSQT and the PSAT 10 because of the close alignment of the tests.

WHO SHOULD TAKE THE PSAT/NMSQT?

Students in grades 9 and 10 will take the PSAT 10/NMSQT free of charge. Grade 11 students have the option to take the PSAT NMSQT for fee. Payment will be made online on our website. Taking the test allows them to start improving skills and knowledge needed for success in college and career. Students can take the test only once a year, but there is no limit to how many years a student may participate. It's important that 11th-grade students take the PSAT/NMSQT to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program and to get SAT practice.

HOW SHOULD STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE TEST?

Classroom learning is the basis for test questions, so the best way students can prepare is by taking challenging courses and becoming familiar with the test and its format. Students should review the *PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide* or *PSAT 10 Student Guide*, along with a practice test for the test they are taking, to better understand all the directions and become familiar with the types of questions that will be asked. In addition, students who take the test can go to satpractice.org for free,

personalized practice. This practice can be used to prepare for the SAT, the PSAT/NMSQT, or the PSAT 10.

IF STUDENTS DON'T DO WELL ON THE TEST, WILL IT HURT THEIR CHANCES OF GETTING INTO COLLEGE?

Absolutely not. Since it provides personalized information on the skills that a student needs to improve to prepare for the SAT and college, taking the test can even improve their chances. PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 scores are not sent to colleges.

WHAT IS STUDENT SEARCH SERVICE, AND SHOULD STUDENTS CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE?

When students take the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, they're asked if they would like to participate in the College Board's Student Search Service®, a free service that provides names of students to eligible educational organizations. If students choose to participate, they allow colleges, universities, scholarship programs, and education opportunity organizations to send information about the educational and financial aid opportunities they offer. Students who opt in to Student Search Service will increase their access to millions of dollars in combined annual scholarship awards. Student information is strictly monitored, and secure, and individual test scores are never shared with any outside entity.

WHEN CAN WE EXPECT TO SEE THE RESULTS FROM THE PSAT/NMSQT? FROM THE PSAT 10?

Score reports will be made available online for educators the first week of December and for students the second week of December for the PSAT/NMSQT. Schools will receive paper PSAT/NMSQT score reports in mid-December. For PSAT 10, online scores will be available in April or May. Paper reports will follow.

SCORE REPORTS

Student score reports will include numerous scores in addition to the total score that will give your student better insight into their performance. The PSAT/NMSQT score report will also include the NMSC Selection Index score, which is calculated by doubling the sum of the Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test score.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING ON TEST DAY?

You will need two No. 2 pencils with soft erasers, an acceptable calculator (see back), and student ID.

LEAVE THESE DEVICES AT HOME ON TEST DAY

- Anything that can connect to the internet
- Anything that makes noise or "talks"
- Calculators that use electrical outlets

- Calculators with QWERTY keypads
- Tablets or cellphones
- Laptops or handheld computers
- Paper-tape calculators
- Calculators with a pen-input device or stylus

Acceptable and Unacceptable Calculators

Types of Calculators Recommended:

- Bring a calculator that you are used to using. Most graphing calculators and all scientific calculators (assuming they have no unacceptable features noted at right) are acceptable.
- **We recommend the use of a graphing calculator over a scientific calculator** because a graphing calculator may provide an advantage on some questions.

Unacceptable Calculators:

- Do not bring these unacceptable calculators: Laptops or other computers, tablets, cell phones, or smartphones, smartwatches, or wearable technology
- Models that can access the Internet, have wireless, Bluetooth, cellular, audio/video recording and playing, camera, or any other smartphone-type feature
- Models that have typewriter-like keypad, pen-input, or stylus
- Models that use electrical outlets, make noise, or have a paper tape (unless approved by the College Board as an accommodation)

In addition, the use of hardware peripherals such as a stylus with an approved calculator is not permitted. Some models with touch-screen capability are not permitted (e.g., Casio ClassPad).

Graphing Calculators Permitted on the SAT Subject Tests in Mathematics

The following graphing calculators are permitted on the SAT Subject Tests in Mathematics, Levels 1 and 2:

Casio

- FX-6000 series
- FX-6200 series
- FX-6300 series
- FX-6500 series
- FX-7000 series
- FX-7300 series
- FX-7400 series
- FX-7500 series
- FX-7700 series
- FX-7800 series
- FX-8000 series
- FX-8500 series
- FX-8700 series
- FX-8800 series
- FX-9700 series
- FX-9750 series
- FX-9860 series
- CFX-9800 series
- CFX-9850 series
- CFX-9950 series
- CFX-9970 series
- FX 1.0 series
- Algebra FX 2.0 series
- FX-CG-10
- FX-CG-20 series
- FX-CG-50
- Graph25 series
- Graph35 series
- Graph75 series
- Graph95 series
- Graph100 series
- FX-CG500*

Hewlett-Packard

- HP-9G
- HP-28 series
- HP-38G
- HP-39 series
- HP-40 series
- HP-48 series
- HP-49 series
- HP-50 series
- HP Prime

Radio Shack

- EC-4033
- EC-4034
- EC-4037

Sharp

- EL-5200
- EL-9200 series
- EL-9300 series
- EL-9600 series*
- EL-9900 series

Other

- Datexx DS-883
- Micronta Smart²

Texas Instruments

- TI-73
- TI-80
- TI-81
- TI-82
- TI-83/TI-83 Plus
- TI-83 Plus Silver
- TI-84 Plus
- TI-84 Plus CE
- TI-84 Plus Silver
- TI-84 Plus C Silver
- TI-84 Plus T
- TI-84 Plus CE-T
- TI-85
- TI-86
- TI-89
- TI-89 Titanium
- TI-Nspire
- TI-Nspire CX
- TI-Nspire CX CAS
- TI-Nspire CM-C
- TI-Nspire CAS
- TI-Nspire CM-C CAS
- TI-Nspire CX-C CAS

*The use of the stylus is not permitted.