PSAT/NMSQT

PSAT/NMSQT stands for Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Juniors desiring to be considered for a National Merit Scholarship must be sure to take the PSAT/NMSQT in October of their Junior year. Sophomores often take the test as well to gain experience with taking standardized tests. Students must sign up with the school and pay the testing fee, in advance. As a preliminary SAT, the PSAT gives the student first-hand experience for the SAT Reasoning Test (one of the two college entrance tests used by most colleges). The PSAT measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills. The PSAT helps the student prepare for the SAT and receive feedback on their academic strengths and weaknesses.

The PSAT helps you: get ready for the SAT; enter National Merit Scholarship Corporations competitions for recognition and scholarships; access personalized college and career planning resources; request information from colleges and universities; assess your critical reading, mathematical reasoning and writing skills; get specific suggestions on how to improve your academic skills.

Additional information on the PSAT

Preparing for the PSAT

PSAT Benefits for Parents

Benefits for Juniors