



# Why Is the PSAT/NMSQT Important?

The **PSAT/NMSQT**® is a part of the College Board SAT® Suite of Assessments, and will be delivered digitally beginning in the 2023-24 school year. The PSAT/NMSQT measures the knowledge and skills that students are learning in high school and that matter most for college and career readiness.

The assessment helps students get recognized, show what they know and can do, and connect to college and career opportunities and scholarships. The PSAT/NMSQT opens the door to many benefits for students on the path to college and career:

- 1 Taking the PSAT/NMSQT gives students the chance to access over \$300 million in scholarship opportunities.** In addition, students who take the PSAT/NMSQT may meet requirements to enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and scholarships
- 2 Provides clear information and recommended steps to help students build and expand academic strengths, skills, and knowledge important for college and career readiness.** The assessment measures the knowledge and skills in reading, writing, and math that students learn in the classroom—the same knowledge and skills for preparation and success after high school.
- 3 Encourages familiarity with the SAT.** PSAT/NMSQT takers will know what to expect on the SAT and become familiar with the test questions and format of the SAT. Both tests measure the same knowledge and skills and ask the same types of questions.
- 4 Provides free, personalized practice resources.** Students can download the Bluebook™ app and take a full-length PSAT/NMSQT test in the same application that's used on test day. Khan Academy® has developed additional content including videos, articles, and completed examples for the digital PSAT/NMSQT and SAT.
- 5 Shows which AP® Program courses a student is ready for.** To help build on important skills and knowledge, the PSAT/NMSQT Score Report indicates which college-level AP courses your child has the potential to succeed in.

College Board's **BigFuture**® resources complement the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT Suite of Assessments and can help every student search for careers and colleges that fit their interests; stand out for recognition, find scholarships, grants, and loans that they qualify for; and plan for their post-high school experiences. Students can access details about **BigFuture Scholarships**, **College Search**, **Explore Careers**, and **National Recognition Programs**.

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