

Prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT® 2019

PSAT/NMSQT®

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What Is the PSAT/NMSQT?



Some Key Facts

3.8+ million

students take the PSAT/NMSQT each year to get feedback on their skills and practice for the SAT.

Scores for the SAT® Suite of Assessments (SAT, PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and PSAT™ 8/9) are reported on a common vertical scale, allowing **educators to measure students progress**

- Propels students toward **college and career readiness**
- Is cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation
- National Merit Qualification occurs during the junior year
- Serves as an entry point to nearly \$160 million in **scholarship dollars**

What to know about the PSAT/NMSQT



Test length: 2 hours 45 minutes



No penalty for guessing or blank responses,
also known as “rights-only scoring”



Personalized SAT practice through
Khan Academy® with students' own
PSAT/NMSQT scores



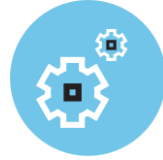
Scale ranges for the scores are
320–1520 for the total score

NO FEE for Sophomores

Benefits of the PSAT/NMSQT



Personalized SAT practice on Khan Academy based on students' PSAT/NMSQT answers



Aligned to the SAT Which you will take your JR year



Increased access to additional scholarship providers



Online college and career planning tools



Admission and financial aid information from colleges



Majors and career exploration with College Board and Roadtrip Nation

How Does the PSAT/NMSQT Compare to the SAT?

PSAT/NMSQT

SAT

2 hours
45 minutes



Time

3 hours
50 minutes

X



Essay

Optional

160—760



Section Score
Range

200—800

A blue-tinted photograph of three students working together on a robot. The robot is constructed from white plastic building blocks and has a small motor and wheels. The students are focused on their work, with one student using a screwdriver to adjust a component. The background is slightly blurred, showing other students in the distance.

Skills Tested on the PSAT/NMSQT

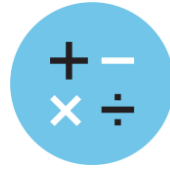
Skills Tested



Reading Test



Writing and Language Test



Math Test

- Each test assesses the academic skills that students have developed over the years, primarily through their coursework.
- These skills are considered essential for success in high school, college, and career.

Reading Test



- 5 Passages
- 47 Passage-Based Questions;
60 minutes

Quick Facts

- All questions are multiple choice and based on passages.
- Some passages are paired with other passages or informational graphics such as charts, graphs, and tables.
- No mathematical computation is required.
- Prior topic-specific knowledge is never tested.

Reading Test

What to Expect

In the Reading Test, students will encounter questions like those asked in a lively, thoughtful, evidence-based discussion.



Writing and Language Test



- 4 Passages
- 44 Passage-Based Questions; 35 minutes

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Writing and Language Test

What to Expect

The Writing and Language Test puts students in the active role of an editor who is improving a written passage. Most questions ask students to decide which, if any, of the three alternatives to an underlined part of a passage most improves it.



How to Prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT

A blue-tinted photograph of three students walking past a brick wall. The student in the center is a young man with dark hair, wearing a plaid shirt, looking towards the right. To his left is another young man with short hair, wearing a light-colored t-shirt, also looking right. To the right of the central student is a young woman with long hair, wearing a light-colored shirt, looking right. They are all walking in the same direction, from left to right. The background is a brick wall.

Know How the PSAT/NMSQT Is Scored

Rights-Only Scoring

- 1 point for each correct answer
- 0 points deducted for each incorrect or blank question

Math Grid-ins

- You can enter answers as (reduced) fractions or decimals.
- If rounding a decimal, make sure to use every box.

Scale

- 160–760 for each test section
- 320–1520 for the total score

Sample PSAT/NMSQT Questions

A young man with dark, wavy hair is sitting at a desk in a room. He is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved button-down shirt over a dark t-shirt. He is looking directly at the camera. In front of him is a laptop. The room has bookshelves in the background filled with books and other items. The entire image is overlaid with a solid blue color.

Reading Test

Passage-Based Questions



Passage Excerpt:

[. . .] The coming decades will likely see more intense clustering of jobs, innovation, and productivity in a smaller number of bigger cities and city-regions. Some regions could end up bloated beyond the capacity of their infrastructure, while others struggle, their promise stymied by inadequate human or other resources.

*Adapted from Richard Florida, The Great Reset.
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- (B) concentrated.
- (C) brilliant.
- (D) determined.

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Reading Test

Passage-Based Questions

This question asks students to determine word meaning within a social science context. While students may frequently use the word “intense” to describe personalities or emotions, the context of this sentence requires students to recognize that “intense” can also mean “concentrated.” The best answer here is choice B because the context makes clear that the clustering of jobs, innovation, and productivity is expected to be denser, or more concentrated in a smaller number of bigger cities and city-regions, over the coming decades. In these ways, the question draws students back to the text rather than rewarding only isolated vocabulary knowledge.



Writing and Language Test

Passage-Based Questions



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[. . .] As Kingman developed as a painter, his works were often compared to paintings by Chinese landscape artists dating back to CE 960, a time when a strong tradition of landscape painting emerged in Chinese art. Kingman, however, **5** vacated from that tradition in a number of ways, most notably in that he chose to focus not on natural landscapes, such as mountains and rivers, but on cities. [. . .]

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- (B) evacuated
- (C) departed
- (D) retired

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Writing and Language Test

Passage-Based Questions

This question asks students to determine which word makes the most sense in the context of a sentence. "**Departed**" is the most contextually appropriate way to indicate that Kingman had deviated from the tradition of Chinese landscape painting in a number of ways. In this sort of question, students must demonstrate not only facility with language in general but also skill in using language in particular contexts to convey meaning clearly and precisely.





PSAT is October 30th

Cost is \$ 18 for Freshman and Juniors

Mandatory and FREE for Sophomores

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CLASS OF 2020



CLASS OF 2021



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Thomas A Edison Preparatory School's PSAT Registration

Students taking PSAT exams at Thomas A Edison Preparatory School on Wednesday - Oct 10, 2018 must register for exams here by 5:00 pm, September 21, 2018

Students must answer all of the questions on the following pages in order to complete the exam registration. A confirmation page indicates that the exam registration process has been successfully completed.

Thomas A Edison Preparatory School is excited to offer families the ability to pay their exam fees online at the time of registration. Please be sure to have a credit card or debit card available before beginning registration.

Registrations that are not paid by 5:00 PM, Monday, Sep 24, 2018 will be cancelled and exams will not be ordered.

Please contact Rachael McAnany, mcanara@tulsaschools.org if you have questions about financial assistance, or any other questions.

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WARNING! This is the test mode site. Students should not register here. Please contact Thomas A Edison Preparatory School to get the correct URL.

**Begin registering by entering the information below and clicking Next.
Your registration will only be complete after you reach the Confirmation Page.**

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Student's First Name:

Student's Last Name:

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