



PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT, Fall SAT School Day and Spring SAT School Day

College Board provides an array of assessments. A primary purpose of the SAT is to determine how prepared students are to succeed, both in college and in career training programs. College Board offers resources to help students find the best college and career for them. The PSAT 8/9 measures the knowledge and skills you have developed in reading, writing and language, and math. 9th graders complete the PSAT 8/9 during fall semester, and middle school students who register can take the PSAT 8/9 as well. All multiple-choice questions are scored by giving 1 point for each correct answer. No points are subtracted for incorrect answers or answers left blank. Hard questions count the same as easier questions. Students won't lose any points for guessing, so students should try to answer every question. If you're in 9th grade or higher, your score report includes a message about your potential for success in AP[®] courses based on your scores. AP Potential is a valuable tool for identifying advanced courses in which students could enroll.

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is cosponsored by College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation. It is administered for College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation by Educational Testing Service (ETS[®]). The PSAT/NMSQT[®] is the screening test for high school students who wish to participate in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

During the fall, middle school students and 9th through 11th grade students in Newport News Public Schools can opt-in to participate in PSAT testing; while 12th grade students can opt-in to participate in SAT testing. Newport News Public Schools provides 11th grade students the opportunity to opt-in to participate in SAT testing during spring semester. There is a huge benefit to students participating in School Day SAT. Providing the SAT during instructional hours increases access for students and eliminates the barrier of transportation, permitting students to test at their home school in an environment which is familiar to them.

TESTS GIVEN IN FALL:

Middle School Students: PSAT 8/9 (digital format)

9th Grade: PSAT 8/9 (digital format)

10th Grade: PSAT/NMSQT (digital format)

11th Grade: PSAT/NMSQT (digital format)

12th Grade: SAT (paper format)

TESTS GIVEN IN SPRING:

11th Grade: SAT

Fall PSAT assessments will be offered digitally. Fall SAT will be offered in paper format. Beginning Spring 2024, all PSAT and SAT assessments will be offered digitally.

Students must create a College Board account prior to test day, and they will need their username and password on test day in order to access the digital test. Students who have an existing College Board account **do not** create a new account when transferring between schools; their current College Board account remains active. Refer to the College Board website for additional information: <https://www.collegeboard.org/> Students ages 13 will be able to use their mobile number on test day to opt into BigFuture School Mobile App on test day. This is optional, and students who choose this

option will have access to their scores, career guidance, and college info from their mobile phone. These resources are also available without opting into BigFuture School Mobile App. Through **BigFuture (bigfuture.org)** students can access resources to help them—all while earning chances to win BigFuture Scholarships. **BigFuture Career Search** is another resource. Students engage in personalized career exploration tools on BigFuture and learn more about career options.

Official Digital SAT Prep on Khan Academy® is free, comprehensive, and available to all students. To prepare for these assessments, visit <https://www.khanacademy.org/digital-sat> It is extremely important that students familiarize themselves with the digital test format by logging into Bluebook. Students can also access full length practice tests in Bluebook.

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