



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

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. **BigFuture®** assist students with discovering a path for life after high school. Students can explore colleges and careers based on their interests and learn how to pay for college—all while earning chances to win BigFuture Scholarships. Visit bigfuture.org. **BigFuture Career Search** is another resource. Students engage in personalized career exploration tools on BigFuture and learn more about career options. Visit bigfuture.org.

College Board provides an array of assessments. 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 fall semester, 10th and 11th grade students complete the PSAT/NMSQT during the school day.

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 can enroll.

SAT School Day is offered to 11th graders during the spring semester. Providing the SAT during the 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.

Refer to the College Board website for additional information: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

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