# Prepare for the New PSAT/NMSQT' 

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# What Is the New PSAT/NMSOT? 

## Some Key Facts

") Scores for the SAT ${ }^{\circ}$ Suite of Assessments (SAT, PSAT/NMSOT ${ }^{\circ}$, PSAT ${ }^{\text {m }} 10$, and PSAT ${ }^{m "} 8 / 9$ ) are reported on a common vertical scale, allowing you to measure your progress
) Propels you toward college and career readines
) Is cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation
) Serves as an entry point to millions in scholarship dollars
") 3.8+ students took the PSAT/NMSQT in 2014 to get miluion feedback on their skills and practice for the SAT

## What's Changing on the New PSAT/NMSOT'?

(L) 2 hours 45 minutes
(-) No penalty for guessing or blank responses also known as "rights-only scoring"

Personalized SAT ${ }^{\circ}$ practice through Khan Academy ${ }^{\circ}$ with your own PSAT/NMOST scores

■Scale ranges for the scores are 320-1520 for the total score

## Benefits of the New PSAT/NMSOT':

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Personalized SAT ${ }^{\oplus}$ practice on Khan Academy based on your PSAT/NMSOT answers

## SAT

Aligned to the new SAT coming out in March 2016

Increased access to new scholarship providers
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Online college and career planning tools

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Admission and financial aid information from colleges

# Skills Tested on the New PSAT/NMSOT 

## 国 Reading Test

## $\square$ Writing and Language Test園 Math Test

1）Each test assesses the academic skills that you＇ve developed over the years，primarily through your course work．

》）These skills are considered essential for success in high school and college and career．

## 国 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.

## 国 Reading Test

## What to expect?

In the Reading Test, you 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

## QUICK FACTS

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

## Writing and Language Test

## What to expect?

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

## 国 Math Test

" 2 Test Sections
" 48 Questions ( 40 multiple choice, 8 grid-ins, 2 sections, 70 minutes)

## OUICK FACTS

) Most math questions will be multiple choice, but some will be student-produced responses (grid-ins).
) The Math Test is divided into two portions: Math Test - Calculator and Math Test - No Calculator.
) Some parts of the test will present you with a scenario and then ask several questions about it.

## 圄 Math Test

## What to expect?

The Math Test focuses on the math that matters most to college and career readiness. To succeed on the Math Test, you will need to demonstrate mathematical practices, such as problem solving and using appropriate tools strategically.

## How Does the New PSAT/NMSOT ${ }^{\circ}$ Connect to the New SAT ${ }^{\circ}$ ?

## Content and Domain Alignment:

All tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments (SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT $^{\text {TM }} 10$, and PSAT ${ }^{\text {TM }} 8 / 9$ ) are aligned to the same research backbone and focus on the same domain of knowledge and skills.

## Scoring:

All tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments are on a common score scale that provides consistent feedback, enabling teachers to adjust instruction to better support students who are ahead or behind.


Grade-level benchmarks will indicate if students are making "on target" progress toward the SAT benchmark

## Know Your Calculator

1) A scientific or graphing calculator is recommended.

》) Bring a familiar calculator. Test day is not the time to figure out how to use a new calculator.


## Additional calculator tips:

1) Don't try to use the calculator on every question no question requires one.
2) Decide how to solve each problem; then decide whether to use a calculator.

》) Make sure your calculator is in good working order and that batteries are fresh.
7) You will not be permitted to use laptops or other computers, tablets, cell phones, or smartphones, etc. Please reference the student guide for a complete list.

## Resources



For general information about the new PSAT/NMSOT, please visit:
collegeboard.org/psat


Take the practice test in the Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT ${ }^{\circledR}$, available through your counselor or at:
collegeboard.org/psatpractice


To find out more about National Merit Scholarship Corporation and its scholarships, visit:
nationalmerit.org/nmsp.php

## Take the PSAT/NMSQT ${ }^{*}$

How to Sign Up:
Test Day/Date:
Time:
Location:

## Make sure you bring:

" Two No. 2 pencils
» Calculator (optional)

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