

Why Take the SAT/NMSQT?

Six Good Reasons

- 1. To open the door to college.** The PSAT/NMSQT may be a student's first official step on the road to college. It can prompt some to consider college as an option and others (who already know they're going) to jump-start their search.
- 2. To practice for the SAT.** On average, those who take the PSAT/NMSQT earn higher scores on the SAT than those who don't. One reason: The tests have the same formats, directions, sample questions, and question types.
- 3. To earn scholarships and academic recognition.** By taking the test, juniors may be eligible to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation's scholarship competitions, as well as programs that give special recognition to high-achieving Hispanic and African-American students.
- 4. To begin the college search.** The Student Search Service gives PSAT/NMSQT test takers the option to voluntarily place their names in a pool of college-bound students interested in receiving admission and financial aid information from certified colleges, universities, and scholarship agencies.
- 5. To see how one's academic skills compare with those of other college-bound students.** PSAT/NMSQT test results will give most students their first chance to see how their skills compare with those of others planning to go to college.
- 6. To help direct a learning plan for high school.** Test results in the PSAT/NMSQT Score Report give students feedback on their important college-related verbal, math, and writing skills. Students can use this information to fine-tune learning plans, including appropriate course selections, that will get them ready for college-level work.

For more information about the PSAT/NMSQT go to
<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>

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