

What is it the PSAT/NMSQT?

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a standardized test administered by the College Board and co-sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Students are tested in three (3) subject areas: Reading, Writing and Language, and Math. The Reading and Writing subject areas are combined for an Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section score. Math is scored separately. The PSAT is used to determine eligibility and qualification for the National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSQT). It also serves as a practice test for the SAT, but be aware you cannot submit PSAT scores to colleges as your standardized test scores.

PSAT/NMSQT 2021

- Who: 10th and 11th graders
- Where: Coral Shores High School
- When: Wednesday, October 13, 2021.
- Scholarships: Used by scholarship programs, including the National Merit® Scholarship Program, to look for eligible students.

Students are encouraged to practice for the SAT at Khan Academy (hyperlink <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>). Students receive a personalized plan tailored to their strengths and weaknesses based on previous PSAT/NMSQT or SAT results. 20 hours of practice on Khan Academy is associated with an average 115-point score increase from the PSAT/NMSQT to the SAT, nearly double the average gain without Khan.

10th & 11th grade Coral Shores Students took the PSAT/NMSQT on October 13, 2021. Students should have received their PSAT Score Report around mid-January 2022 in English class and reviewed it with their teacher. A sample PSAT/NMSQT Score Report can be viewed *here* (please hyperlink this <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/sample-psat-nmsqt-score-report.pdf>) A Parent Tutorial for Understanding 2021 PSAT/NMSQT Results can be found *here* (please hyperlink this <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/understanding-psat-nmsqt-results-parent-tutorial.pdf>)

Comprehensive information about the PSAT/NMSQT can be found here (hyper link this <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>) Select the “*Learn More*” to find out about taking the test, practice, scores, etc.

Students who have lost their Score Report and/or wish to obtain their online PSAT/NMSQT score report can do so by logging into their College Board account at www.collegeboard.org. Students who can't remember their login information must call College Board at (866) 433-7728 or attempt to do so via email. Students must NOT use their keysstudents.net email since it can't receive password reset emails. Do NOT create another account. Students who create another account must call College Board at (866) 433-7728 to have them merge both accounts.

Students who have never created an account will need to create one using an email other than their keysstudents.net account.

Parents can sign up to receive emails and texts with college information, advice, and reminders and sign up at www.parents.collegeboard.org