

## What is the PSAT?

The Preliminary SAT, also known as the PSAT/NMSQT® (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test), is a practice version of the SAT exam. You can only take the PSAT once per year, and many students take the test in both 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade. If you earn a high score on the PSAT your junior year, you could qualify to receive a National Merit Scholarship—\$180 million dollars in merit scholarships are awarded to students each year. The PSAT is 2 hours and 45 minutes long and tests your skills in reading, writing, and math.

**Who took the PSAT on 10/3/2023:** 9<sup>th</sup> grade College Academy students, all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and 11<sup>th</sup> grade student that registered for the exam.

PSAT scores are in the students College Board account. I have made a 15-minute video that explains the what the PSAT score means. Please login to your College Board account to view your PSAT results. [Login for PSAT scores](#)

If you are having trouble logging into the College Board account, personal on campus does not have the login information or access to student accounts. The student will need to resolve the issue with the College Board via the forget login or the help center. [support.collegeboard.org/help-center/account-help](https://support.collegeboard.org/help-center/account-help)

PSAT What Does My Score Mean Video

 [Lakes PSAT scores mean.mp4](#)

## What can you do with your PSAT scores?

### 1. Prepare for the SAT

Use free online resources through Khan Academy to turn PSAT results into SAT success. Khan Academy allows students to link their PSAT results to serve as a diagnostic tool, which personalizes SAT prep for the individual student. Get started here.

### 2. Qualify for dual credit courses.

Students who meet the high school prerequisites and earn the following scores on their PSAT test may qualify to take dual credit courses:

EBRW (English): 460

Math: 510

10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders get more information about registering for DC courses on the Cypress Lakes Dual Credit website: [bit.ly/Lakes23DC](https://bit.ly/Lakes23DC)

### 3. Get matched to AP courses.

Each December, the College Board publishes an analysis of PSAT scores and how they relate to predicted success in Advanced Placement courses. Talk with your high school counselor about which AP courses may be a good choice for next year.

### 4. Prepare for the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

Sophomore students with strong PSAT scores maybe invited to a CFISD program called Scholars. Invitations for the Scholars summer program will be distributed in the spring semester, typically after Spring Break. This program is designed to help high achieving students maximize their junior PSAT test, to qualify for the National Merit program.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an annual competition for recognition and college scholarships. The program is conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Eleventh grade students enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program by taking the PSAT, which serves as an initial screen of over 1.3 million entrants each year, and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements. More information about the process and timeline can be found on the [National Merit website](#) or the [National Merit Scholarship article by Art Sawyer](#).