

The College Board: Committed to College and Career Readiness

Today, school districts across the nation are using the PSAT/NMSQT to strengthen student skills, expand college-going cultures in schools and motivate students to dream and achieve. We are ready to partner with you to maximize the ways that the PSAT/NMSQT can increase college and career readiness and accelerate the road to success and accomplishment for all students.

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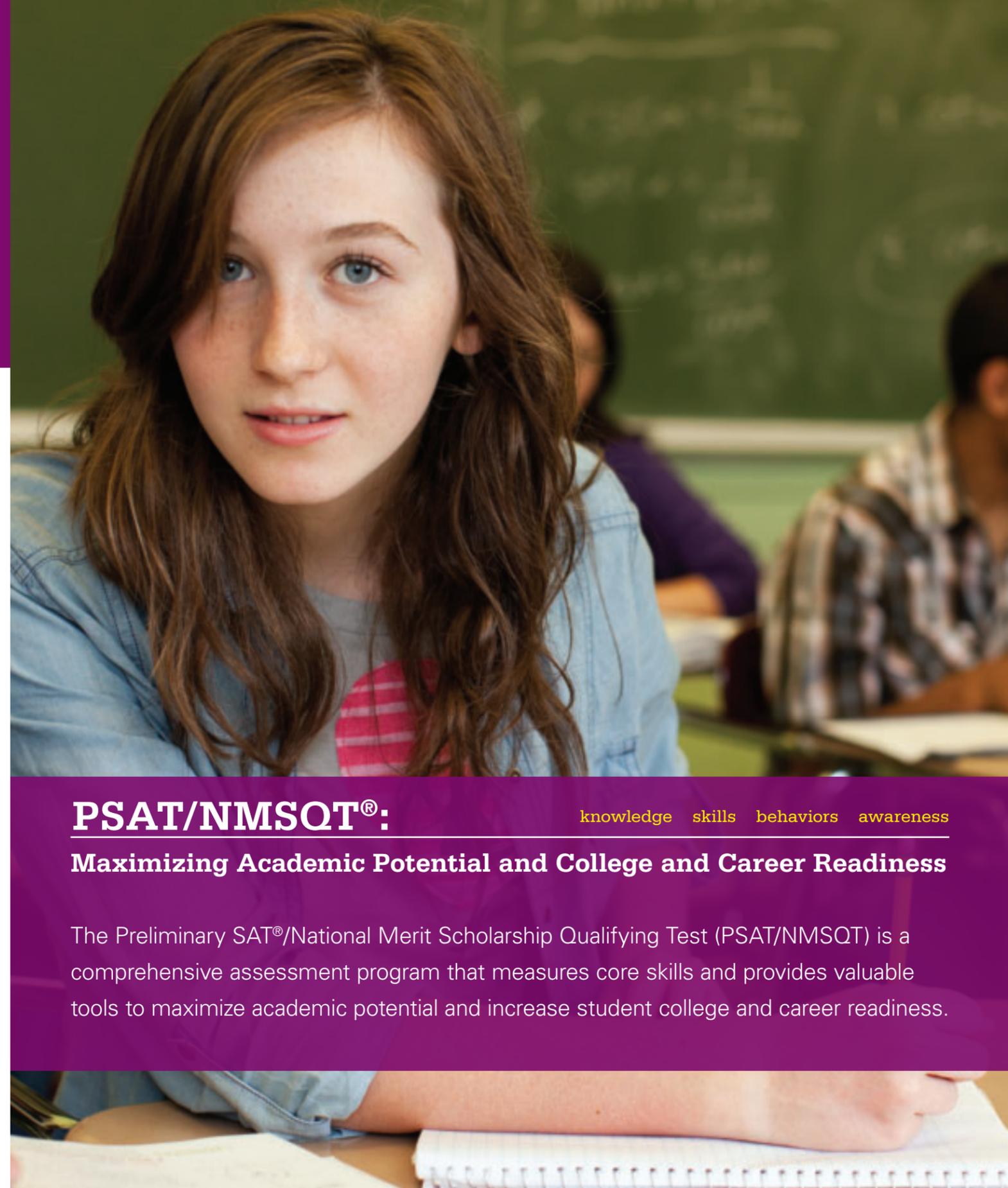
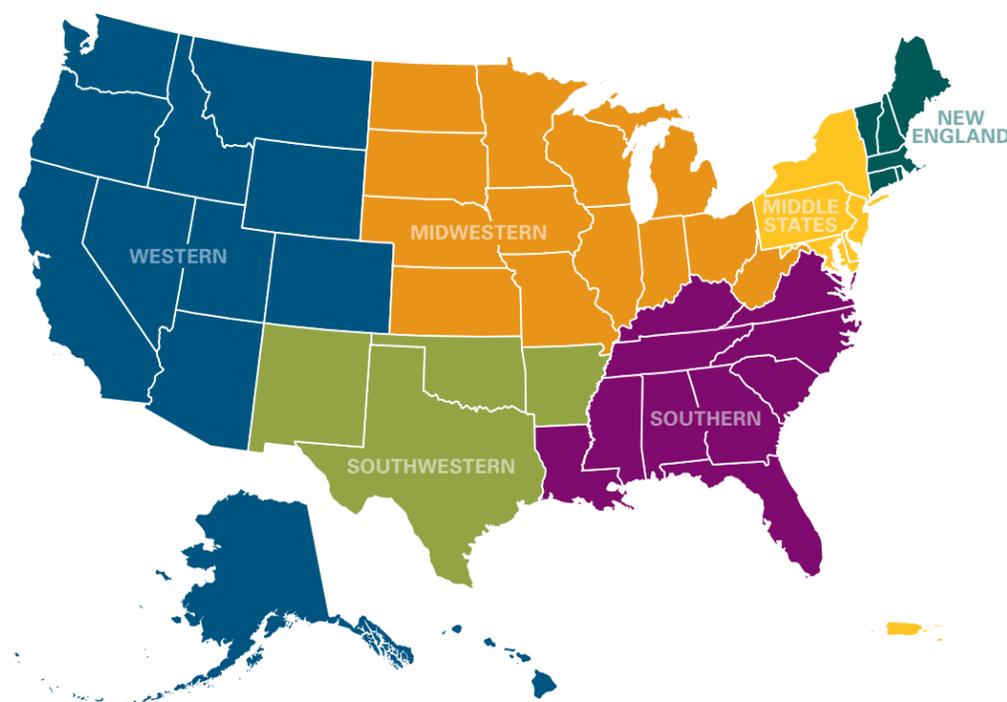
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PSAT/NMSQT®:

knowledge skills behaviors awareness

Maximizing Academic Potential and College and Career Readiness

The Preliminary SAT®/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a comprehensive assessment program that measures core skills and provides valuable tools to maximize academic potential and increase student college and career readiness.

What Is the PSAT/NMSQT®?

The burgeoning demand for globally competitive graduates is making college and career readiness more critical than ever before. As students face the increasingly complex challenges of the 21st century, it is imperative for them to develop and sharpen the critical-thinking and problem-solving skills necessary to navigate the path to success — in college and beyond.

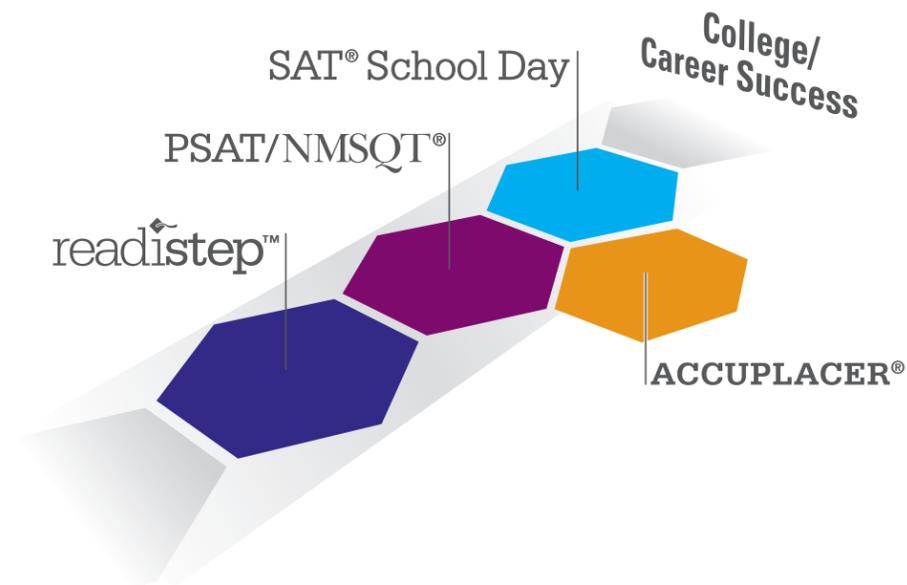
The PSAT/NMSQT® is the primary assessment used in preparing for the SAT, which measures a student's college readiness and success potential upon graduation from high school. A rigorous, established national assessment, the PSAT/NMSQT assesses core skills in critical reading, math problem solving and writing — providing actionable feedback on areas requiring improvement to help students increase their college readiness.

**The
PSAT/NMSQT
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The College and Career Readiness Pathway

The PSAT/NMSQT is an important step on the College and Career Readiness Pathway — a series of integrated diagnostic assessments, including ReadiStep™ and the SAT® — that measures a student's progress toward college readiness from the eighth through 12th grades.

The feedback and tools within the Pathway help students improve their skills and enable educators to make curricular changes that enhance learning and minimize remediation in college.



Alignment to Common Core State Standards

The aim of the College Board is to become the national leader in assessment that is deeply aligned to the Common Core State Standards. Recent alignment studies confirm that the College Board's College and Career Readiness Pathway assessments are equally or more aligned to the Common Core than any other large-scale assessment available today.

Benefits for Students and Educators

The PSAT/NMSQT helps students and educators by providing:

- **AP Potential™**
Identifies students with the potential to score a 3 or better on an AP® Exam
- **Practice for the SAT**
Familiarizes students with the content and format they will find on the SAT
- **My College QuickStart™**
Helps students explore majors and careers and learn about their AP potential
- **Scholarship Opportunities**
Provides entry into National Merit Scholarship Corporation competitions as well as other scholarship and recognition programs
- **Summary of Answers and Skills (SOAS)**
Delivers valuable school performance data to help adjust curricula and improve instruction
- **Score Report Plus**
Provides detailed feedback on each student's academic skills to help them prepare for college

Maximizing AP Potential™

AP Potential™ is a data-driven tool developed by the College Board that uses scores from the PSAT/NMSQT to identify students who are likely to succeed in AP. The PSAT/NMSQT helps educators expand access to AP courses — ensuring that no student with potential is overlooked. AP Potential can:

- Identify students with hidden talents and untapped academic aptitudes
- Provide valuable insights into student strengths to help determine which AP courses to offer at your school