Prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT® 2019
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What Is the PSAT/NMSQT?
Some Key Facts

Scores for the SAT® Suite of Assessments (SAT, PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and PSAT™ 8/9) are reported on a common vertical scale, allowing educators to measure students progress

- Propels students toward college and career readiness
- Is cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation
- National Merit Qualification occurs during the junior year
- Serves as an entry point to nearly $160 million in scholarship dollars

3.8+ million students take the PSAT/NMSQT each year to get feedback on their skills and practice for the SAT.
What to know about the PSAT/NMSQT

- Test length: 2 hours 45 minutes
- No penalty for guessing or blank responses, *also known as “rights-only scoring”*
- Personalized SAT practice through Khan Academy® with students' own PSAT/NMSQT scores
- Scale ranges for the scores are 320–1520 for the total score
- NO FEE for Sophomores
Benefits of the PSAT/NMSQT

- Personalized SAT practice on Khan Academy based on students' PSAT/NMSQT answers
- Aligned to the SAT Which you will take your JR year
- Increased access to additional scholarship providers
- Online college and career planning tools
- Admission and financial aid information from colleges
- Majors and career exploration with College Board and Roadtrip Nation
How Does the PSAT/NMSQT Compare to the SAT?

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Skills Tested on the PSAT/NMSQT
Skills Tested

- Reading Test
- Writing and Language Test
- Math Test

- Each test assesses the academic skills that students have developed over the years, primarily through their coursework.
- These skills are considered essential for success in high school, college, and career.
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.
Reading Test

What to Expect

In the Reading Test, students 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

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Writing and Language Test

What to Expect

The Writing and Language Test puts students in the active role of an editor who is improving a written passage. Most questions ask students to decide which, if any, of the three alternatives to an underlined part of a passage most improves it.
How to Prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT
Know How the PSAT/NMSQT Is Scored

Rights-Only Scoring
- 1 point for each correct answer
- 0 points deducted for each incorrect or blank question

Math Grid-ins
- You can enter answers as (reduced) fractions or decimals.
- If rounding a decimal, make sure to use every box.

Scale
- 160–760 for each test section
- 320–1520 for the total score
Sample PSAT/NMSQT Questions
Passage Excerpt:

[...] The coming decades will likely see more intense clustering of jobs, innovation, and productivity in a smaller number of bigger cities and city-regions. Some regions could end up bloated beyond the capacity of their infrastructure, while others struggle, their promise stymied by inadequate human or other resources.

As used in line 2, “intense” most nearly means

(A) emotional.
(B) concentrated.
(C) brilliant.
(D) determined.

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Reading Test

Passage-Based Questions

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This question asks students to determine word meaning within a social science context. While students may frequently use the word “intense” to describe personalities or emotions, the context of this sentence requires students to recognize that “intense” can also mean “concentrated.” The best answer here is choice B because the context makes clear that the clustering of jobs, innovation, and productivity is expected to be denser, or more concentrated in a smaller number of bigger cities and city-regions, over the coming decades. In these ways, the question draws students back to the text rather than rewarding only isolated vocabulary knowledge.
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5 vacated

(A) NO CHANGE
(B) evacuated
(C) departed
(D) retired
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This question asks students to determine which word makes the most sense in the context of a sentence. "Departed" is the most contextually appropriate way to indicate that Kingman had deviated from the tradition of Chinese landscape painting in a number of ways. In this sort of question, students must demonstrate not only facility with language in general but also skill in using language in particular contexts to convey meaning clearly and precisely.
PSAT is October 30th
Cost is $18 for Freshman and Juniors
Mandatory and FREE for Sophomores
ALL students MUST register online
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Thomas A Edison Preparatory School’s
PSAT Registration

Students taking PSAT exams at Thomas A Edison Preparatory School on Wednesday - Oct 10, 2018 must register for exams here by 5:00 pm, September 21, 2018.

Students must answer all of the questions on the following pages in order to complete the exam registration. A confirmation page indicates that the exam registration process has been successfully completed.

Thomas A Edison Preparatory School is excited to offer families the ability to pay their exam fees online at the time of registration. Please be sure to have a credit card or debit card available before beginning registration.

Registrations that are not paid by 5:00 PM, Monday, Sep 24, 2018 will be cancelled and exams will not be ordered.

Please contact Rachael McAnany, mcanara@tulsaschools.org if you have questions about financial assistance, or any other questions.

Refund Policy

WARNING! This is the test mode site. Students should not register here. Please contact Thomas A Edison Preparatory School to get the correct URL.

Begin registering by entering the information below and clicking Next. Your registration will only be complete after you reach the Confirmation Page.