



# First Generation Night

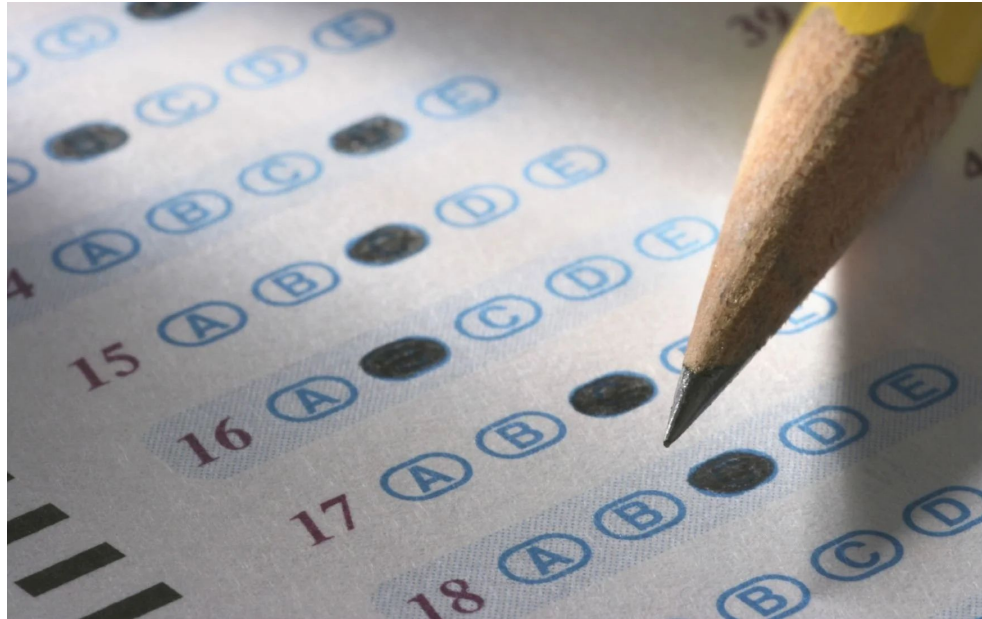
Standardized Testing Session

October 8, 2020



# STANDARDIZED TESTING

All you need to know about SAT, ACT and more!



# Standardized Testing



- Required In School Testing-
  - Spring 9th, 10th- PSAT
  - Fall 11th- PSAT/NMSQT in school
  - Spring 11th- SAT in school- Graduation requirement
- Optional-
  - SAT Subject tests, ACT
  - TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo for English Language Learners



# PSAT

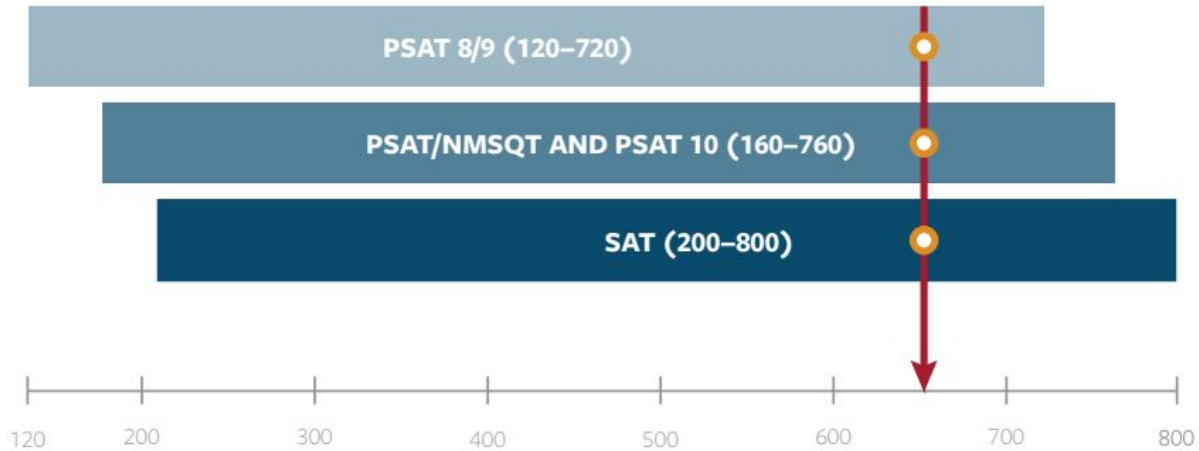
## PSAT STRUCTURE AND SCORING

<b>TOTAL SCORE</b> Total time: 2 hours and 45 minutes			1 Total Score
			320-1520 Scale
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing		Math	2 Section Scores
			160-760 Scale
Reading 60 min   47 questions	Writing & Language 35 min   44 questions	Math 70 min   48 questions	3 Test Scores
			8-38 Scale
Analysis in Science			2 Cross-Test Scores
Analysis in History / Social Studies			8-38 Scale
Words in Context		Heart of Algebra	7 Subscores
			1-15 Scale
Command of Evidence		Passport to Advanced Math	<b>Note:</b> The PSAT gives a point for a correct answer, and no deduction for an incorrect answer; blank responses have no impact on scores.
Standard English Conventions	Expression of Ideas	Problem Solving & Data Analysis	

# PSAT



## THE VERTICALLY ALIGNED SCALE



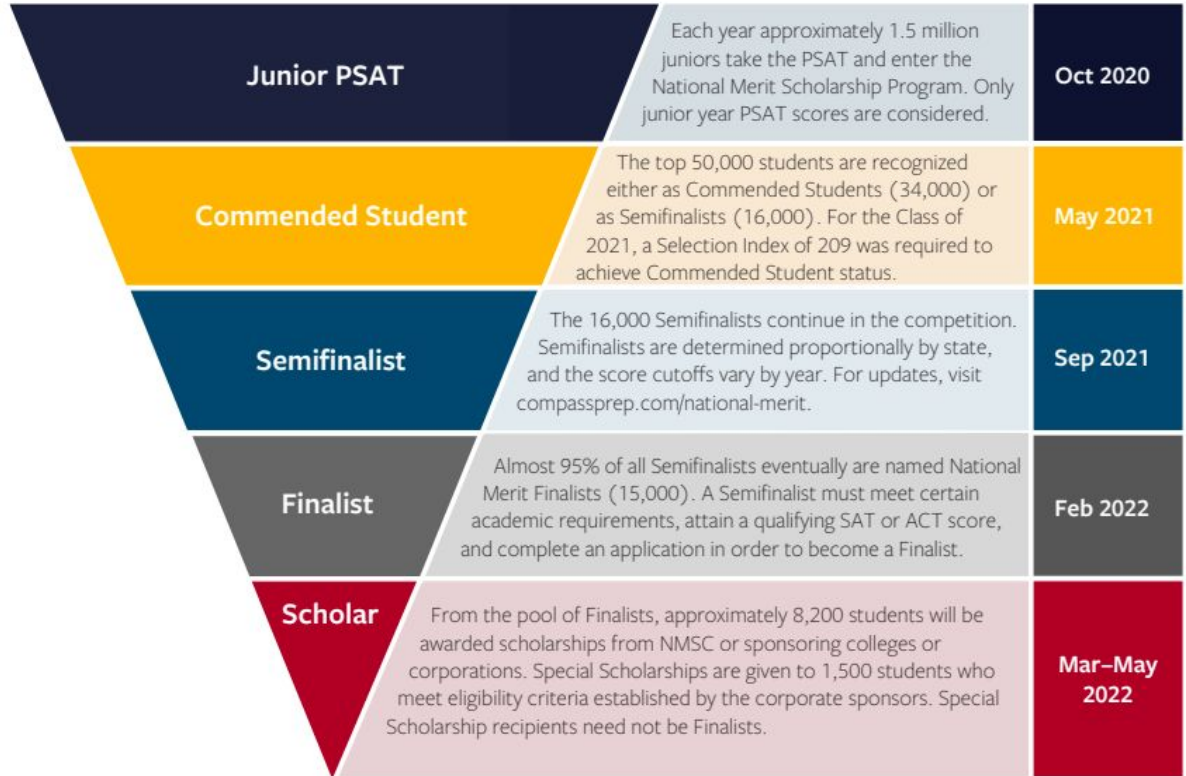
A score of 650 on the PSAT 8/9 would predict that a student would have scored a 650 on the PSAT 10 and the SAT had the student taken those exams at the same time.



PSAT/NMSQT  
National Merit  
Scholarship  
Program

# NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Class of  
2022**





# THE SAT VS THE ACT

- Fewer Geometry Questions
- More Time per Question
- No-calculator Math Section

## KEY Differences

- Lots of Geometry
- Faster Paced
- Tough Science Section



Overall Time

### TIMING & SCORING

Overall Time



Reading

65m

200 - 800 points

Writing

35m

Math  
(No Calculator)

25m

200 - 800 points

Math  
(Calculator)

55m

1-36

35m

Reading

1-36

45m

English

1-36

60m

Math

1-36

35m

Science

Total Points

400 - 1600

1 - 36

Total Points

Time per Question



Reading



Writing



Math

Time per Question



Reading



English



Math



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



## ESSAY PORTION

Both essays are **OPTIONAL**.



50 mins

The SAT essay section is more comprehension focused.



40 mins

The ACT wants to see how well you can evaluate and analyze complex issues.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

To find out more about the SAT, go to  
[CollegeBoard.org](https://CollegeBoard.org)

To find out more about the ACT, go to  
[ACT.org](https://ACT.org)



# National ACT Test Dates

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
October 10	Off Campus	September 25
October 17	Off Campus	September 25
October 24	Off Campus	September 25
October 25	Off Campus	September 25
December 12	Off Campus	November 6
February 6	Stevenson	January 8
April 17	Off Campus	March 12
June 12	Off Campus	May 7
July 17	Off Campus	June 18

You can register for tests at [ACT.org](https://www.act.org)



# SAT National Testing Dates

Test Date	Location	Registration Deadline
November 7th	Off Campus	September 25
December 5th	Off Campus	September 25
March 13	Off Campus	November 6
April 13	Stevenson during the school day: State Mandated	Will be completed by SHS
May 8	Stevenson	January 8
June 5	Off Campus	March 12

You can register at [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)



# SAT SUBJECT TESTS

- See college websites for recommendations
- 60 minute tests
- Same test days as SAT
- Can take 3 on a test day
- Points off for wrong answers

SUBJECT TEST
Literature
United States (U.S.) History
World History
Mathematics Level 1
Mathematics Level 2
Biology E/M (Ecological/Molecular)
Chemistry
Physics

LANGUAGES
Chinese w/Listening
French
French w/Listening
German
German w/Listening
Modern Hebrew
Italian
Japanese w/Listening
Korean w/Listening
Latin
Spanish
Spanish w/Listening



# Testing Resources

- Khan Academy- SAT and College Board tests
- Fairtest.org
- Compass Education Group- All things testing- <https://www.compassprep.com/>
- College Admissions- Test optional for 2021

# TOEFL/IELTS/Duolingo



- Tests used to demonstrate English proficiency
- Will only need to take one
- Colleges will let you know if you need it- check the college website to see which one they accept
- If you have less than 3 years of English learning, you will probably need to take one
- Can be difficult to find, expensive, inconvenient
- Online assessments
- Test Sites and Dates are on their websites

# THANK YOU!

We have pasted a link for a survey in the chat to be completed at some point this evening. Thanks again!

