

Optional Test Prep

While we certainly want students to enjoy family time and summer adventures, it is important to note that PSAT is given in October each year. Test prep is optional but encouraged for those students who will take the PSAT, SAT or ACT in the near future. There are two potential sources listed below to which students have free access. These have been proven to bolster standardized test performance if used properly and consistently.

1) IXL - Steps for test prep and overall skill strengthening

1. Visit <https://www.ixl.com/signin/sds>
2. Use your school-issued login to enter the site.
3. Click **Diagnostic**
4. Click **Step into the Arena**
5. Begin your strengthening journey by choosing either question. The program will do the rest and place you on a personalized growth track.
6. Work as often as you like, but remember to strike a healthy balance of summer work and time with family and friends.

2) College Board/Khan Academy resources

Below are some helpful resources from College Board, including tools that may be useful for college exploration/scholarships and for PSAT/SAT preparation. Of note, students can now sync their PSAT/NMSQT results with Khan Academy to create an individually-tailored test prep plan.

If a student has trouble accessing their College Board account, please first try to resolve the issue by contacting College Board at 866-315-6068, as there is not much we at SDS can do on our end regarding online login/accounts.

3) Make the Most of your PSAT/NMSQT scores:

[Log in or create a College Board account online.](#) PSAT/NMSQT scores from the Fall 2021 test should be posted in student accounts. Students should log in to their College Board account to see scores and test performance details.

[Get free, personalized SAT practice.](#) The PSAT/NMSQT is great preparation for the SAT. Your teen's score unlocks a free, personalized practice through Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy. Students go

to satpractice.org, create an account, and link their College Board and Khan Academy accounts for a plan based on their test results.

Use [Career Finder](#), our career exploration tool. It helps students make informed academic and career decisions based on what truly drives them.

[The College Board National Recognition Programs](#): These are academic honors that can be included on college applications. They're not scholarships, but colleges use them to identify academically exceptional students.

[Scholarship Partners](#): See how the PSAT/NMSQT can help your teen pay for college -- including access to more than \$350M in scholarships.

[College Planning](#) Support for Sophomores and Juniors: Students can kick start their college planning by searching for colleges and scholarships on BigFuture. They can build and save a college list and also opt-in to let the colleges on their list know that they'd like to learn more about their programs.