

TCISD PSAT / NMSQT Testing Procedures

The PSAT/NMSQT testing window runs annually during the month of October with specific dates scheduled by the school. Home-schooled students must contact Virginia Garza, TCISD district counselor / testing coordinator, no later than the last school day in September to arrange testing. Schools must finalize their testing material orders by mid-September, making early communication crucial to ensure a spot for the October test date.

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Registration Procedures for Home-Schooled Students

Because home-schooled students cannot register directly through the [College Board website](#), they must act as "away students".

1. Identify a School: Contact local public or private high schools in early September to ask if they can accommodate a homeschooled student for the PSAT/NMSQT.
2. Contact Deadline: Contact schools no later than the last day school day of September.
3. Registration: The school's AP/PSAT coordinator will register the student using a special "away student" code.
4. Confirm Details: Verify if the school has a specific fee for outside testers and the exact time/location of the test.
5. Pay any fees required for testing.

Important Tips for Home-Schooled Students

- Accommodations: If needing special testing accommodations (e.g., extended time), ensure the SSD coordinator at the hosting school is aware at least 4-6 weeks before the test.
- Preparation: Use the College Board's Bluebook app and Khan Academy for free, adaptive practice.