

UNDERSTANDING THE PSAT/NMSQT

WHAT TO EXPECT AND WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE IT



WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE PSAT



FORMAT

Typically a paper-based or digital test

- Multiple-choice questions.



Reading Test



Writing and Language Test



Math Test

- Heart of Algebra • Problem Solving and Data Analysis
- Passport to Advanced Math

Some questions permit calculators.

DURATION

time



About 2 hours and 45 minutes of testing time (plus breaks).

SCORING

scale



- Score from 320 to 1520
- Combined evidence-based reading & writing and math
- Individual section scores (160-760 each)



WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE THE PSAT



PRACTICE FOR THE SAT

- Familiarize yourself with the content, format, and structure of the SAT
- Identify strengths & weaknesses



QUALIFY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- Become eligible for National Merit Scholarship Program
- **National Merit Commended Student** or Semifinalist status (for Juniors)



COLLEGE READINESS

- Assess your **academic readiness** for college-level courses
- **Compare scores** with students nationwide



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