



PSAT-RELATED ASSESSMENTS

Fact Sheet for Parents and Families

Digital Testing at a Glance

1. Beginning in October 2023, the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) and PSAT™ 8/9 will be in digital format, which provides an easier testing experience for students. The PSAT™ 10 and the SAT® (which is already available digitally internationally) will follow in the U.S. in spring 2024, so taking the digital PSAT/NMSQT will be good practice for taking the digital SAT.
2. Students use Bluebook™, our custom-built testing app, to take the test on a Windows laptop or tablet, a Mac laptop, an iPad, or a school-managed Chromebook. For in-school assessments, your school will tell you if students will be testing on their own device or a school-managed device.
3. The tests are administered in-person by a proctor during school hours. Some schools may choose to offer the PSAT/NMSQT on a designated Saturday. These digital exams are not virtual.
4. Assessments in the digital SAT Suite of Assessments have 2 sections—Reading and Writing and Math—with a break in between. Bluebook has a built-in Desmos calculator. Students can use this or their own approved calculator for the entire Math section.
5. The digital test is more secure. Students are prevented from using other applications and certain tools on their computer during testing, and each student receives unique test content.
6. All students will be supported, including those who are approved to receive accommodations for testing. Some accommodations are administered differently than they are with paper testing. For example, students approved for large print may use the zoom tool that's available to all test takers.
7. Your school will register students for their assessments and provide sign-in credentials for Bluebook.
8. Students should review the *PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide* or *PSAT 8/9 Student Guide* before they test to familiarize themselves with the assessment they're taking and to review the testing rules contained in these guides. (Students will be required to review and agree to the testing rules in Bluebook before testing.)
9. Students can prepare for their assessment by downloading and taking a full-length adaptive practice test in Bluebook at bluebook.app.collegeboard.org, then, reviewing their results on MyPractice at mypractice.collegeboard.org, and using official digital SAT prep on Khan Academy at khanacademy.org.

10. Before testing, your school will complete a digital readiness check to orient students to the new testing application and confirm their testing devices are ready. Students will have an opportunity to answer optional questions about themselves, their educational experience, and plans for after they graduate high school. This will also be the only opportunity for eligible students to share their mobile phone number to get scores delivered right to their phone through the BigFuture® School mobile app. For more on BigFuture School, visit bigfutureschool.org. (The app is available to domestic students 13 and over. Students taking the PSAT 8/9 are not eligible.)
11. Score reports will be distributed by your school. If an eligible student downloads the BigFuture School app, their scores will be available in the app. As always, students with a personal College Board account may also access their score information.
12. Eligible students will also have an opportunity to opt in to Connections™, a free feature that lets them hear directly from nonprofit colleges, scholarship programs, and educational organizations, without sharing any student personal information. (The Connections feature is available to domestic students 13 and over. Students taking the PSAT 8/9 are not eligible. Some schools, districts, or states may choose not to offer Connections to their students.)
13. Learn more about PSAT-related assessments at psat.org/whytake.