

FD(LOCAL)

NONACCREDITED
SCHOOLS

A student enrolling in a District school from a nonaccredited public, private, or parochial school, including a homeschool, shall be placed initially at the discretion of the principal, pending observation by classroom teachers, guidance personnel, and the principal. Criteria for placement may include:

1. Scores on achievement tests, which may be administered by appropriate District personnel;
2. Recommendation of the sending school;
3. Prior academic record;
4. Chronological age and social and emotional development of the student; and
5. Other criteria deemed appropriate by the principal.

EK(LEGAL)

HOMESCHOOLED
STUDENTS

The following provisions apply to a homeschooled student entitled under Education Code 25.001 to attend school in a district.

A district shall permit a homeschooled student to participate in an administration of the PSAT/NMSQT or a college advanced placement test offered by the district.

"Homeschooled student" means a student who predominantly receives instruction in a general elementary or secondary education program that is provided by the parent, or a person standing in parental authority, in or through the child's home.

FEES

A district shall require a homeschooled student to pay the same fee to participate in such a test that a student enrolled in the district is required to pay.

NOTICE

A district shall post on an Internet website maintained by the district the date the PSAT/NMSQT will be administered and the date any college advanced placement tests will be administered. The notice must state that the PSAT/NMSQT or the advanced placement test is available for homeschooled students eligible to attend school in the district and describe the procedures for a homeschooled student to register for the test.

A district that does not maintain an Internet website must publish the notice in a newspaper in the district. If a newspaper is not published in the district, the district shall provide for the publication of notice in at least one newspaper in the county in which the district's central administrative office is located.

The required notice must be posted or published at the same time and with the same frequency with which the information is provided to a student who attends a district school.

Education Code 29.916

The Preliminary SAT (PSAT) is a mode for high school sophomores and juniors to achieve their college goals. It measures reading, writing and language, and math skills. After the test, students receive feedback on college readiness along with tools for improvement.

Advantages of taking the PSAT include:

- Personalized online practice tailored to the student's strengths and weaknesses
- An interactive score report with answer explanations for SAT practice questions and full-length tests
- Detailed feedback on the student's progress
- Detailed personality test to assist in finding majors and careers that fit the student's talents and interest
- Tools for exploring colleges, majors, and scholarships
- Eligibility for junior students in the National Merit Scholarship Program

Please consider allowing your student to take advantage of this beneficial opportunity. Please contact your campus counselor for the dates the PSAT will be offered as well as any other questions.

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

PSAT/NMSQT®

CollegeBoard / NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

Take the first step on the road to college.

This fall, don't miss the PSAT/NMSQT®. An important first step on the road to college, the PSAT/NMSQT prepares you for the SAT® and is the perfect way to take the next step to college.

Three things the PSAT/NMSQT helps you do to get ready for college:



Access scholarships

By taking the PSAT/NMSQT® and meeting other requirements, you may have the opportunity to compete for recognition and scholarships through the National Merit® Scholarship Program. It also connects you with other scholarship partners. Be sure to say "yes" to Student Search Service® on the day of the test to make it easy for them to find you.



Prep for the SAT® for free

Taking the PSAT/NMSQT is great practice for the SAT and for college. Get familiar with the test format and access free, personalized SAT practice from Khan Academy®.



Connect to AP® courses

Your score report will show AP® courses that are a great match for you. AP can give you an edge in the admission process, and an opportunity to earn college credit while in high school, allowing you to save money, study abroad, or take on a second major.

To learn when the PSAT/NMSQT will be given at your school, talk to your counselor. To learn more about the test, visit psat.org.