

PSAT - Khan Academy

Executive Summary

In October, 2015, New Mexico students took the newly redesigned Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) to mirror the newly redesigned SAT® exam given for the first time in March. NMPED paid for all 10th grade students to take this exam but some districts assessed their students beginning in the 8th grade with the PSAT 8/9. Taking the PSAT/NMSQT® brings many benefits and opportunities to our students.

1. Free personalized online practice powered by Khan Academy®

For the first time, there is equality of access to SAT and classroom preparation through the partnership of College Board and Khan Academy. When a student takes the PSAT/NMSQT exam and links their College Board account to their Khan Academy account, Meta data is delivered to *Khan Academy®* benefits include:

- Personalized online practice that complements classroom instruction
- Personalized and unique study plan to help them achieve college and career readiness by the time they are ready to take the SAT exam
- Free access – anytime, anywhere on any mobile phone or device
- Adaptive practice experience tailored to each student’s strengths and weaknesses
- Interactive questions, video lessons, and reference articles made in partnership with the College Board
- Thousands of practice questions, reviewed and approved by The College Board
- Short diagnostic quizzes in both Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing

Data shows that among the 1.2 million current users of the Official SAT Practice powered through *Khan Academy®* included 68% Asian students, 65% African American students, 61% Hispanic students, and 60% white students used the Official SAT Practice to prepare for the March SAT administration. **Discover more at khanacademy.org/sat**

2. Connecting students to scholarships

- To further remove barriers to college and career success for students across the country, The College Board recently added additional partnerships with scholarship providers and have increased access to nearly \$180 million in combined annual awards for low-income and minority students who have taken the PSAT as early as 8th grade. **Learn more at collegeboard.org/sat-suite-scholarships**
- By taking the PSAT/NSQT® and meeting published entry requirements, students may enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program when they are in 11th grade. **Go to www.nationalmerit.org**

3. Discover AP potential

- After taking the PSAT/NMSQT, students and educators will receive feedback on readiness for 20+ Advanced Placement (AP®) courses.

4. Access to college planning resources

- An interactive score report with answer explanations
- A detailed personality test to help find majors and careers that fit the students talents and interests
- Tools allowing student to search for and explore colleges, majors, scholarships, and more

5. Connect with colleges that are interested in the student

Through the Student Search Service students can receive free information about admission and financial aid from college, universities, and scholarship programs that are interested in them.

Take Action!

Students can enroll in Khan Academy by following this link:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Students, when enrolling themselves, should click on the “Start Learning Now” radio button. Parents and teachers have their own buttons to click.

Please refer to the comprehensive document titled, *Linking CB and Khan Accounts* for more detailed information. *Official SAT Practice Parent Resource* includes information and tips designed specifically for parents.

Additional Info:

PC Magazine - September 24, 2015 Editor Rating: **Excellent**

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2397123,00.asp>

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