

MAYBECK PSATS

Testing Time/Date

The PSAT/NMSQT is 2 hours and 10 minutes long, plus approximately 35 minutes of administrative duties on TBA @ 8:00 am. Bring a #2 pencil, an approved calculator (page 17) and your email address.

Test Sections

The PSAT/NMSQT has five sections:

- 1) Two 25-minute critical reading sections: 48 questions (13 sentence completions & 35 passage-based reading questions)
- 2) Two 25-minute math sections: 38 questions (28 multiple choice & 10 student produced responses or grid-ins)
- 3) One 30-minute writing skills section: 39 questions (20 improving sentences, 14 identifying sentence errors & 5 improving paragraphs questions)

Scoring

Scores for each section (critical reading, math, and writing) are on a 20-to-80 point scale:

Correct answer = 1 point

Omitted answer = no points

Wrong answers to multiple-choice questions = minus $\frac{1}{4}$ of a point

Wrong answers to student-produced math questions = no points

Scholarship and Recognition Programs

High school students who take the test (usually in their junior year of high school) may be eligible to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation's competitions for recognition and scholarships. High-achieving Hispanic and African American high school juniors may also enter other programs that give special recognition.

Receive information from Colleges

Through the Student Search Service® (SSS®), PSAT/NMSQT participants can receive free admissions and financial aid information from colleges, universities and scholarship programs. The materials students receive help them start thinking about and exploring higher education opportunities.

See www.collegeboard.com/psat for more details.