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PSAT® SCORES... NOW WHAT?

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**WHAT IS
THE PSAT?**

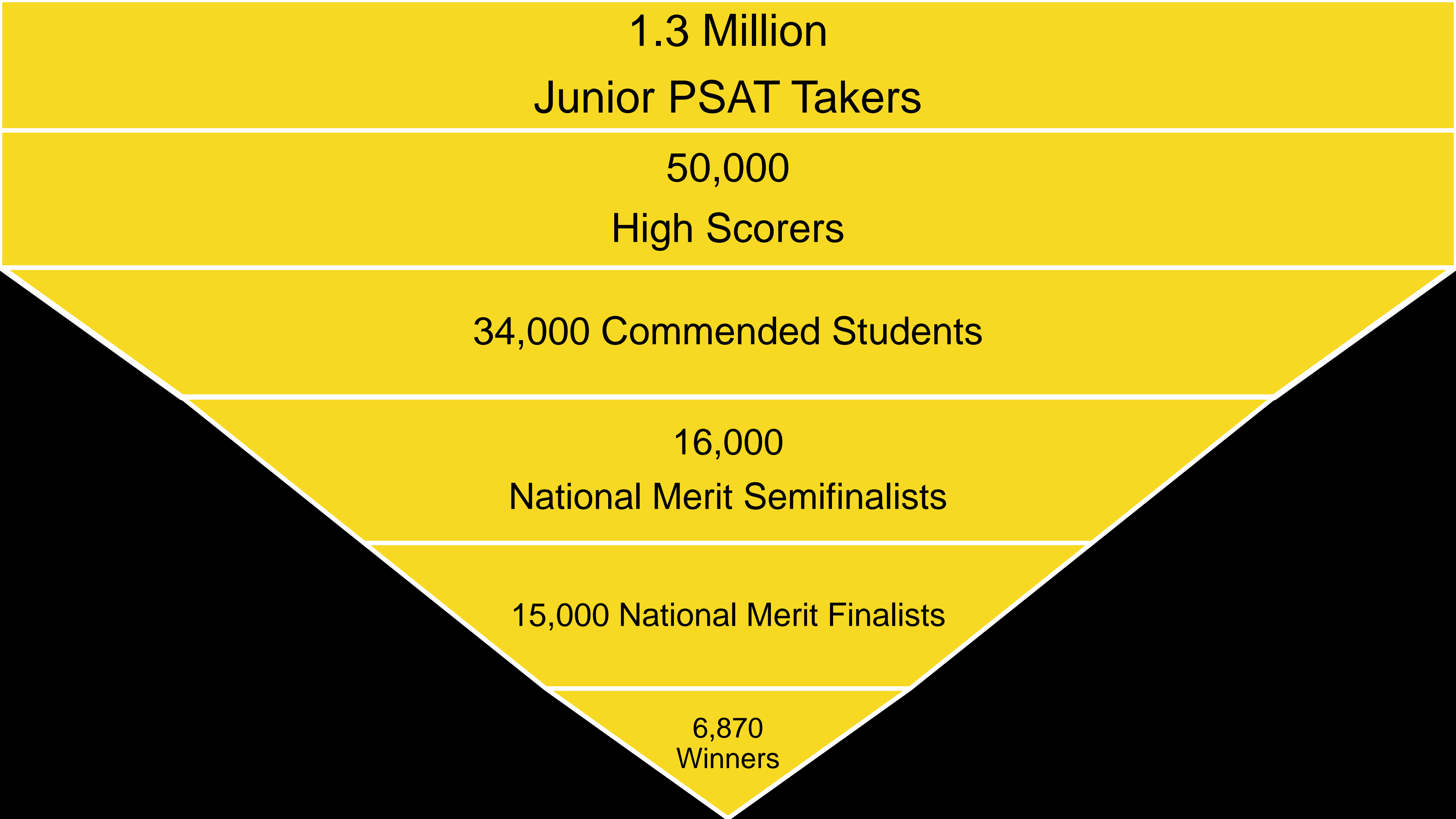


The PSAT/NMSQT®

- ❖ The PSAT = Preliminary SAT
- ❖ NMSQT = National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
- ❖ (They're the same test.)
- ❖ The PSAT/NMSQT is administered in October.
- ❖ 10th and 11th graders take the PSAT.
- ❖ The PSAT 10 is the PSAT, but for sophomore test-takers only.

The PSAT is the
National Merit Scholarship
Qualifying Test (for juniors!)

*But less than 1% of scorers in
each state earn scholarships.*



1.3 Million
Junior PSAT Takers

50,000
High Scorers

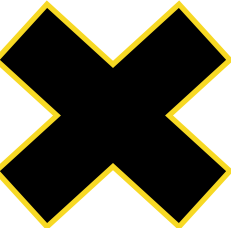





34,000 Commended Students

16,000
National Merit Semifinalists

15,000 National Merit Finalists

6,870
Winners

WHAT DOES THE PSAT MEASURE?

Do Standardized Tests Like the PSAT...	True	False
Measure your intelligence?		
Reflect your high school GPA?		
Predict your college GPA?		
Test what you've learned in high school?		

High School Tests vs Standardized Tests

High School Tests

Limited subject matter

Content knowledge

Plenty of time to complete

Partial credit

One element of overall grade

Standardized Tests

Years of material...

... hidden behind testing strategy

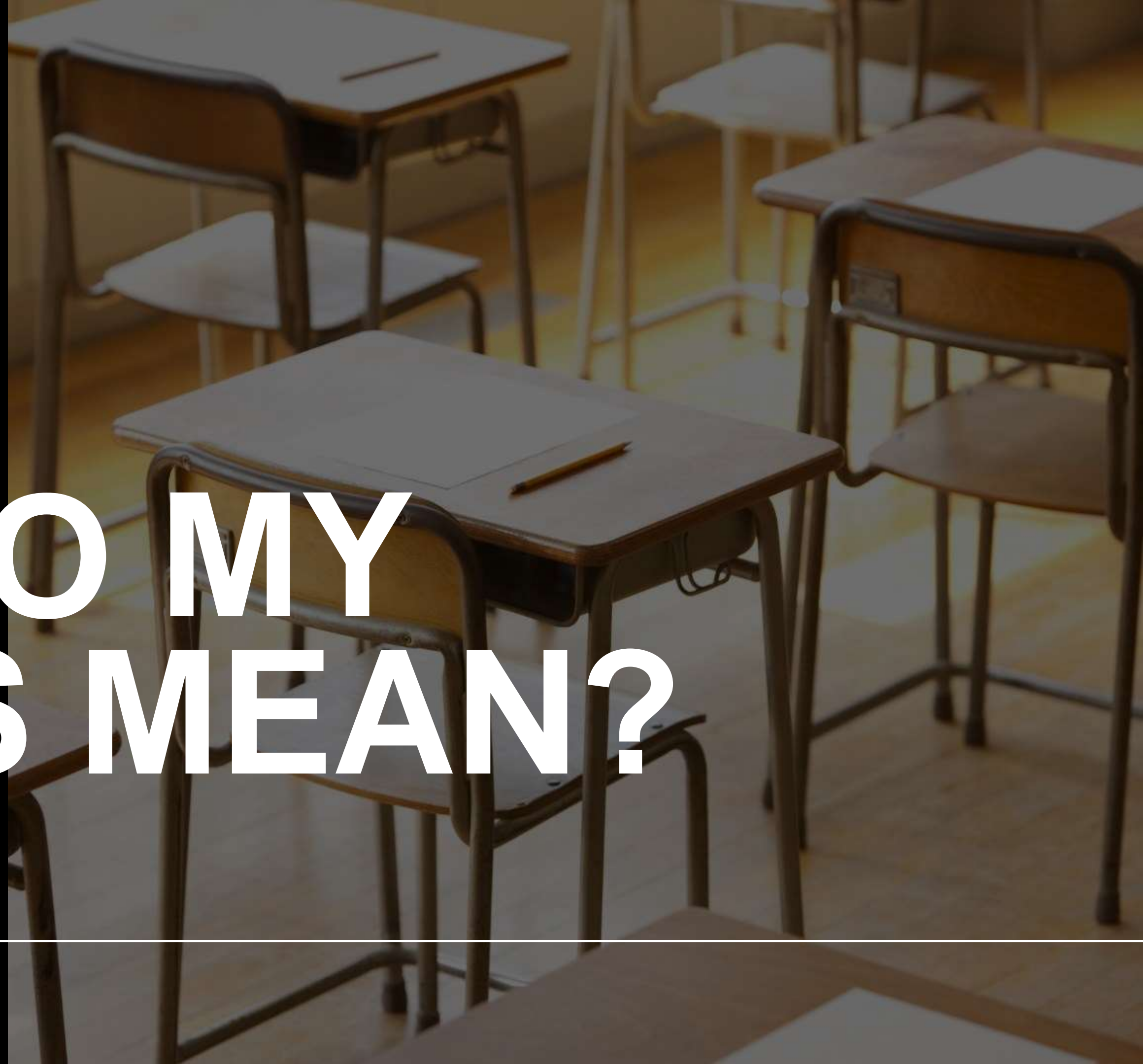
Rigorously timed

Partial answers lead to traps

Only your final score matters

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**WHAT DO MY
SCORES MEAN?**



THE PSAT IS SCORED SIMILARLY TO THE SAT

SAT

400-1600

PSAT/NMSQT

320-1520

SAT Scoring

- ❖ SAT Scale: 400-1600
- ❖ Scaled scores are comprised by summing the section scores
 - Reading & Writing: 200-800
 - Math: 200-800
- ❖ Questions have varying weight

ARE YOU HAPPY WITH YOUR PSAT SCORE?

My PSAT score is pretty good...



***Good for you! Plan to take the SAT.
We're here if you need help.***

My score isn't what I wanted...



***That's what prep is for.
Practice and beat it.***

***Consider
the ACT.***

ACT Scoring

- ❖ ACT Scale: 1-36
 - English 1-36
 - Math 1-36
 - Reading 1-36
 - Science 1-36
- ❖ Section scores are averaged for a composite out of 36
- ❖ Questions all have equal weight
- ❖ Optional Essay
 - scored separately on a scale of 2-12

***So what's a good score
on the SAT or ACT?***

**A good
score is the
score that
gets you
accepted.**



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**WHAT DO
I DO NOW?**



Your PSAT is the first step on your testing and college application path.

✓ Take the PSAT

Compare your PSAT score to the school profiles on your college list.

Commit to the SAT or ACT (or both).

Plan your prep timeline and get the scores you need.

Submit scores when applying to college.

**ONCE YOU HAVE TAKEN THE PSAT,
YOU HAVE....**

**BRAVED A
PRACTICE
TEST**

**SEEN SAT-
STYLE
QUESTIONS**

**RECEIVED A
PRACTICE
SCORE**

What's the point of the SAT and ACT, anyway?

The SAT and ACT are tools that help you gain acceptance to a college or university.



In *The Best 390 Colleges*

Test Required, Test Free, Test Optional?

Test Required
7% of Schools

Test Optional
84% of Schools

Test Flexible
2% of Schools

Test Free
7% of Schools



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Test Required, Test Free, Test Optional?

93% of all schools will want to see high test scores if students submit them

96% of those schools with <25% acceptance rate want to see high scores

How Optional is Test Optional?

By the time you apply, the current policies at your target schools may change. Stay apprised.

You should choose to submit scores on a case-by-case basis.

You should make these choices with a trusted advisor.

RECENTLY ANNOUNCED TEST-REQUIRED POLICIES

- California Institute of Technology
- The University of Texas at Austin
- Harvard University
- Brown University
- Yale University
- Dartmouth College
- M.I.T.
- Georgetown University
- Purdue University

As many other schools' policies come up for renewal, we expect more similar announcements in the coming months.

A COMPARISON OF TWO STUDENTS

STUDENT A

3.75 GPA

6 AP Courses

4 Years Soccer

Student Body VP

Top Essays

Very Good Recs

STUDENT B

3.81 GPA

5 AP Courses

4 Years Theater

NHS President

Very Good Essays

Top Recs

1340 SAT

***So should I take the
SAT, ACT, or both?***

ACT vs SAT – What's the same?

They're both scaled exams.

Both are “tightly timed.”

They both test English grammar, reading comprehension, and math.

They both allow calculators.

Neither penalizes wrong answers.

Both taken at a testing site,
proctored in-person.

ACT vs SAT – What's different?

The SAT is a digital test.

SAT math problems are generally a little bit longer.

The SAT has a built-in Desmos calculator.

The SAT is shorter.*

The ACT can be taken on paper or on a computer.*

ACT tests a few more math concepts, and more plane geometry.

The ACT has a science section.*

Verbal sections have different formats.*

SAT & ACT

Section-by-Section

SAT SECTIONS

Reading and Writing (Module One)	27 Questions	32 Minutes
Reading and Writing (Module Two)	27 Questions	32 Minutes
Math (Module One)	22 Questions	35 Minutes
Math (Module Two)	22 Questions	35 Minutes

ACT SECTIONS

English	75 questions	45 minutes
Math	60 questions	60 minutes
Reading	40 questions	35 minutes
Science	40 questions	35 minutes

The SAT is a computer adaptive test.



You cannot guess the **difficulty**
of your second module.

You can only focus on the
questions **you are given.**

But wait... the ACT is changing!

If you're in the Class of 2026 or below...

- 1. The ACT will be shorter, going from about 3 hours to about 2 hours.**
- 2. The Science Test will become optional.**
- 3. The English, Reading, and Math Tests will have fewer questions.**
- 4. It will be offered in both online and paper & pencil formats.**
- 5. The scoring scale will remain the same.**



Implementation Timeline

**NO changes to the paper & pencil
ACT through July 2025**

**The online (computer-based test)
launches in April 2025**

**Starting in September 2025 all
national test administrations
(both paper & pencil and online)
will be the new, shorter ACT**

**School-day administered ACTs
– whether on paper or online –
will not change until Spring 2026**

Your Next Steps

2024–25 SAT Test Dates

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Saturday, November 2, 2024

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Saturday, March 8, 2025

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Saturday, June 7, 2025

*Saturday, August 23, 2025**

2024–25 ACT Test Dates

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Saturday, June 14, 2025

Saturday, July 12, 2025

*projected test date, official date not yet posted

Create Your Prep Plan

What is my current score?

What are my score goals?

What is my courseload? Extracurricular schedule?

Find the prep solution that works for me.

Your testing date.

The PSAT tests how well you
might take the SAT, which tests
how well you take the SAT.



*All standardized tests
are coachable and beatable.*

Upcoming Huntington Events

SAT & ACT Free Virtual Practice Test – Jan 25th

SAT & ACT Free Virtual Practice Test – Apr 5th

SAT

Sat, January 25th
9:00AM



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Registration Deadline 1/24/25

ACT

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Sat, April 5th 9:00AM



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HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

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