
My College QuickStart™

My College QuickStart is an online college- and career-planning kit available free of charge to all students who take the PSAT/NMSQT. It is powered by their responses to the test and provides personalized information that helps students take their next steps toward college:

- **My Online Score Report** — an enhanced score report that allows students to review each test question, their answers and the correct answers with answer explanations
- **My SAT Study Plan™** — a customized SAT® study plan based on students' PSAT/NMSQT test performance, highlighting skills for review and practice
- **My Personality** — a detailed personality test that helps students learn about themselves and discover majors and careers that fit their strengths and interests
- **My Major & Career Matches** — extensive information about majors and careers, including insights about what to expect and what courses to take now
- **My College Matches** — a starter list of colleges based on students' home state and indicated choice of major

Students can sign in to My College QuickStart with the access code printed on their paper score report. The tool is available in mid-December and can be used throughout high school.

Use www.collegeboard.org to help your student reach his or her education and career goals:

Visiting www.collegeboard.org makes it easier for you to help your student have a successful experience preparing for and applying to college. You'll find expert advice to keep you informed throughout the college planning process, including:

- Ways to encourage your student to start thinking about life after high school
- Strategies for financing your student's education
- Help with curriculum planning to realize your student's specific career goals
- Information and resources you need to help your student prepare to perform his or her best on the SAT
- Practical advice and online tools to find the right college for your student's needs and goals

What happens now?

With the help of teachers and counselors, students should use the information provided on the PSAT/NMSQT Score Report and in My College QuickStart to improve their academic skills and plan for their postsecondary goals. Here are some other suggestions for students:

- Review high school transcripts and select courses for upcoming semesters that will prepare for education and career goals.
- Take challenging courses: Consider honors and AP® courses.
- Tenth-graders and younger students should take the PSAT/NMSQT again in 11th grade to enter competitions conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
- Eleventh-graders should register for the SAT, and possibly SAT Subject Tests™, this spring. (Online at www.collegeboard.org or "express register" in My College QuickStart.)
- Get involved in extracurricular and community activities. College admission officials look for academic competence and preparation (types/levels of academic courses taken and grades received), and they also look for how a student will contribute to the college community. What do students do outside of the school day? Are they involved in music, art, athletics, student government, volunteer work, employment, etc.? The quality of students' involvement is important. What is the depth of their commitment? Are they assuming leadership roles? Are they making a contribution to the school or community?