Overview of College Admission Testing

Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)

The PSAT/NMSQT provides students with a practice test in preparation for the SAT. The PSAT/NMSQT is also used in the selection of the top scholars in the country for the awarding of National Merit Scholarships. The PSAT is divided into two sections:

- Evidence Based Reading and Writing
- Math

PSAT scores are reported in the range of 20-80 in each of the two sections. The NMSQT selection index (evidence based reading and writing plus math score) is determined annually. The minimum score to receive national recognition varies from year to year. PSAT scores are not used by college’s admission criteria.

Suggested Testing Date: October of Junior year.