SAT Suite

Frequently Asked Questions: New Hampshire's State-Funded SAT School Day and PSAT 10

1. What has changed for SAT® School Day in NH?
   a. The Essay section is no longer required.
2. What are the benefits of offering the PSAT 10?
   a. Schools can offer the **PSAT 10**, a spring assessment that measures skills in reading, writing, and math. The digital assessment lasts 2 hours and 14 minutes and is scored on a scale of 320–1520. The PSAT 10 scores are aligned to the SAT scale, so scores carry over year to year and give educators early insight well before students take the SAT. Instead of a one-time snapshot, this connected system tracks real growth, shapes instruction, and helps identify students ready for advanced coursework through tools like AP Potential™.
3. How do we order and administer the PSAT 10?
   a. If you've participated in the state's SAT School Day with Essay administration in the past, the process for registering students and administering the PSAT 10 is identical. Schools will not place orders for the spring PSAT 10; instead, they are required to complete the annual onboarding survey in the SAT Suite Ordering and Registration (SSOR) system between October 1–23. Just like the SAT School Day, all students will automatically be uploaded into the State Data Management System (SDMS) by the NHED. Educators use Test Day Toolkit to administer the assessment and students test digitally in Bluebook™. Scores are reported to educators in the K–12 score reporting portal and to students via PDF score reports from their school or **BigFuture® School** (if the student provided their mobile number on test day for access to the app).
4. What is the PSAT 8/9? How is it different from the PSAT 10?
   a. The **PSAT™ 8/9** is an assessment offered to 8th and 9th graders in the fall or spring testing windows. It is an introductory test that gets students used to the format and question types of the SAT Suite of Assessments. The PSAT 8/9 measures reading, writing, and math skills at the beginning of high school, giving educators and parents an early baseline they can use to track growth over time. It also points toward what's next: The AP Potential tool uses data from the SAT Suite to identify students likely to earn a 3 or higher on one or more AP® Exams, opening the door to advanced coursework early. Just like the PSAT 10 and SAT School Day, the PSAT 8/9 is 2 hours and 14 minutes. The test lasts 2 hours and 14 minutes.
   b. Both the PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 are preliminary tests that build toward the SAT. The PSAT 8/9 is scored on a scale of 240–1440 and the PSAT 10 is scored on a scale of 320–1520.

5. Will the PSAT 8/9 be funded by the state?
    a. No, the PSAT 8/9 and the PSAT/NMSQT will continue to be funded locally.
6. How do I order the PSAT 8/9? or the PSAT/NMSQT?
    a. Schools can choose to administer the PSAT 8/9 in the fall or spring or the PSAT/NMSQT in the fall. NHED is only covering the cost of the PSAT 10 (offered only in the spring); however, substantial discounts are available to schools that choose to also administer the PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT. Schools/districts order exams by logging in to SSOR. The school/district's access manager will need to assign the SAT Suite ordering role to place and manage orders.
    b. If you haven't received an access code or need assistance setting up access, please contact customer service at 866-630-9305.
7. When do districts and schools need to decide on whether to optionally offer the PSAT 10?
    a. The spring testing window (when the PSAT 10 can be administered) is March 22–April 23, 2027. Schools should complete the **PSAT 10 Participation Survey** by Friday, December 4, 2026 to ensure they have time to complete all readiness steps ahead of testing.
8. What are the benefits of giving both the PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10, rather than just the PSAT 10 alone?
    a. Giving both the PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 allows for vertically aligned data that tracks student growth through high school. The PSAT 8/9 sets the early baseline—a meaningful readiness measure and a score to build on.
    b. The PSAT 10 gives students a second benchmark and an understanding of college and career readiness at the midpoint of high school.
    c. Because PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 scores are aligned to the SAT scale, they serve as a reliable anchor for tracking students' growth throughout high school.
9. If we administer the PSAT 10, does it affect students who test with accommodations?
    a. The PSAT 10 offers the same **accommodations** as SAT School Day. Students who have Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) IDs will have the same approved accommodations when taking the PSAT 10.
10. Will SSOR show that the state manages ordering for the spring PSAT 10?
    a. Yes. Once NHED uploads its SSOR org establishment file to create the participant list, SSOR will show districts and schools that the spring PSAT 10 is a state-provided test and schools will no longer be able to order it themselves.
11. What is AP Potential?
    a. **AP Potential** is a free, online tool that uses SAT Suite data—including the PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, PSAT/NMSQT, and SAT—to identify students likely to score 3 or higher on a given AP Exam. It helps districts expand access to Advanced Placement®, grow AP course offerings, strengthen college readiness, and close opportunity gaps.
12. How does AP Potential work, and which AP courses does each assessment unlock?
    a. AP Potential is calculated for 27 AP courses, now including AP Precalculus. Scores from PSAT-related assessments can help you identify 9th- and 10th-grade students likely to succeed in 7 AP courses: AP Art History, AP Computer Science Principles, AP European History, AP Human Geography, AP Precalculus, AP Seminar, and AP World History: Modern. Visit **How to Use AP Potential** to find out more.

13. What are BigFuture School and Connections?
    a. **BigFuture School** is a free, optional mobile app for students 13 or older in the U.S. who take the SAT School Day, the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9. Students can access their SAT Suite score reports through the BigFuture School mobile app if they provide their mobile number during Bluebook exam setup. Beyond scores, the app also lets students explore career interests based on their skills and location.
    b. **Connections™** is a free, optional program where in-school test takers aged 13 and older can discover nonprofit colleges, scholarship providers, and government agencies offering education programs that might be a good fit and are actively looking for students like them. Students are eligible for Connections if they take the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9 (9th graders only) during the school day, or if they're enrolled in AP courses—though a school, district, or state can choose not to offer it.

14. How does BigFuture School fit in for students taking these assessments? What about Connections?
    a. BigFuture School helps students connect the skills they're building to future opportunities—whether they're checking their in-school SAT Suite scores or exploring colleges and careers. Students can see how the skills they've demonstrated through their test performance relate to relevant career possibilities, and get personalized guidance based on what they want to explore.
    b. With Connections, students can discover college matches by sharing their interests and preferences, receive messages from College Board on behalf of nonprofit organizations, and choose if and when to share their information directly with a college or program they'd like to learn more about.

15. What multi-assessment bundle discount applies if we add the PSAT 8/9 to what we already administer?
    a. Districts and schools that administer multiple assessments receive the following discounts when testing similar volumes. Multi-assessment discounts will be based on testing a minimum number of students relative to the volume tested in other assessments within the same school year. Fall and spring testing of the same test counts as separate assessments. Districts and schools administering state-paid assessments receive the multi-assessment credit. If you add the PSAT 8/9 to your existing assessments, you'll see these discounts:
        i. 2 assessments—15% discount
        ii. 3 assessments—20% discount
        iii. 4 or more assessments—25% discount
    b. Currently, the PSAT 10 is $18 per submitted test and the PSAT 8/9 is $14 per submitted test.

16. Who do we contact for help with this transition?
    a. Contact your K–12 Delivery Specialist for help with this transition. As always, our customer service representatives are also ready to help. Call 866-609-2205 between 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m. EST or submit an **online request.**

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