

PLAN

PLAN[®] helps tenth graders build a solid foundation for future academic and career success and provides information needed to address school districts' high-priority issues. It is a comprehensive guidance resource that helps students measure their current academic development, explore career/training options, and make plans for the remaining years of high school and post-graduation years.

PLAN can help all students—those who are college-bound as well as those who are likely to enter the workforce directly after high school.

As a "pre-ACT" test, **PLAN** is a powerful predictor of success on the ACT Assessment. At the same time, many schools recognize the importance of PLAN testing for all students, as it focuses attention on both career preparation and improving academic achievement.

Typically, **PLAN** is administered in the fall of the sophomore year.

Components

Achievement Tests

English	50 items
Mathematics	40 items
Reading	25 items
Science Reasoning	30 items

These curriculum-based tests cover the skills and knowledge that are commonly taught in the nation's schools and are judged to be important for success in both high school and college. The tests measure what students know and what they are able to do with their knowledge.

Other

- *High School Course Information*—gathers lists of courses completed or under way and planned for completion before graduation
- *UNIACT Interest Inventory*—helps students explore personally relevant career options

The content of the PLAN tests is closely tied to that of the achievement tests in the [ACT Assessment](#)[®], which is broadly used for college entrance and placement decisions.

Benefits

For students, **PLAN** can:

- stimulate thinking and planning for life after high school
- assess status of academic preparation for postsecondary education
- support meaningful high school course selection for junior and senior years
- relate personal characteristics to educational and career options
- help focus test preparation to improve ACT scores
- provide an estimated ACT Assessment Composite score

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Meet the PSAT/NMSQT™

Find out what the SAT® is like

The PSAT/NMSQT is a standardized test that most students take in their junior year of high school.

Reasons to take the PSAT/NMSQT

1. Practice for the SAT I: Reasoning Test and SAT II: Writing Test (the PSAT/NMSQT includes actual SAT questions).
2. Qualify for National Merit Scholarship Corporation's (NMSC) scholarship programs.
3. Compare yourself with other college-bound students around the country.
4. Assess your verbal, math, and writing skills.
5. Forecast your SAT scores.
6. Participate in the Student Search Service® to get information from colleges.
7. Get feedback on your strengths and weaknesses, so you can focus your college-prep study and SAT prep

What does the PSAT/NMSQT measure?

- Verbal reasoning skills
- Critical reading skills
- Math problem-solving skills
- Writing skills

You've developed these skills over many years, both in and out of school. This test doesn't require you to recall specific facts from your classes. Spending your school years taking challenging academic courses and reading widely is the best way to get ready.

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