

CollegeBoard

AP

# An Introduction to the Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> Program

Lake County Public Schools





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# Welcome

The Advanced Placement® Program (AP) offers students the opportunity to take college-level courses and exams in high school and earn college credit, advanced placement, or both at many colleges and universities in the U.S. and around the world.

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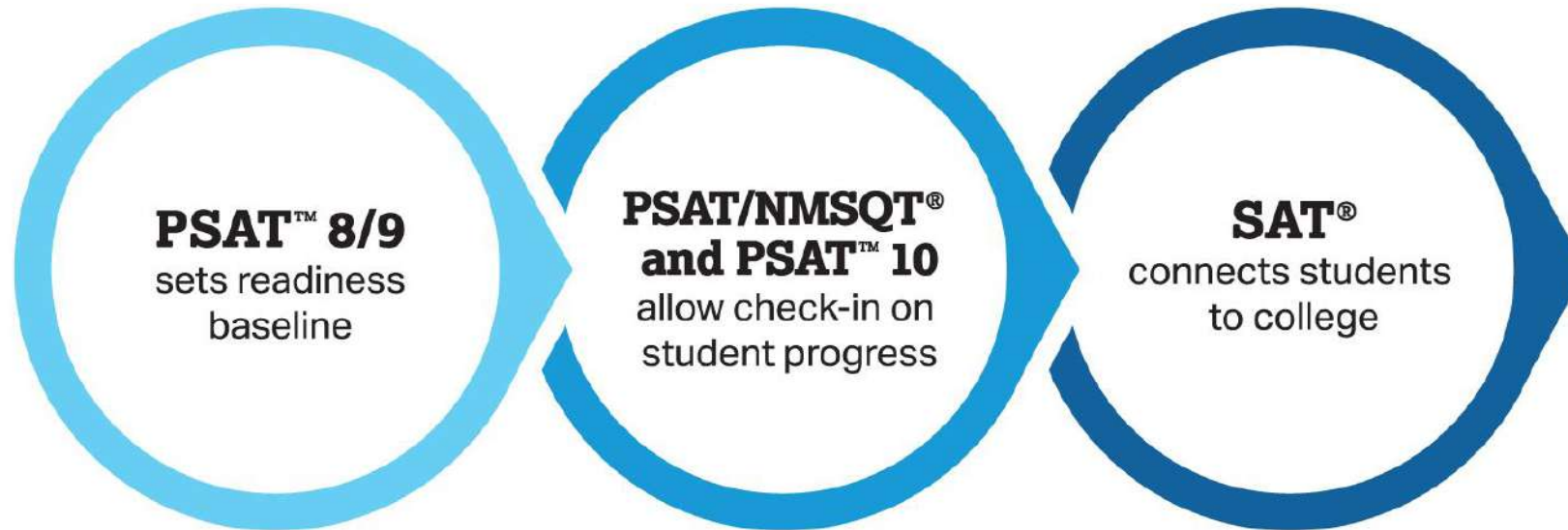
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# SAT<sup>®</sup> Suite of Assessments

## Beyond Tests, More Opportunities





# TIFFANY'S PATH TO SUCCESS

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### Get AP Course Recommendations Based on Past Test Scores

If you've taken the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9, you can look at your online score report to see information about which AP courses we think you'll likely do well in.

#### Instructions

- 1 **Log in to the online score reporting portal.**  
[Sign in here](#) using your College Board username and password.
- 2 **Open a score report.**  
Open your SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or PSAT 8/9 score report.
- 3 **Click the AP Potential tab at the top of the report.**  
You'll see the list of AP courses you might do well in based on your test scores. You'll also see which of the courses are offered in your school and which match a college major that you told us you're interested in.

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# Your Total Score

**960** | 320 to 1520

You are in the **51<sup>st</sup>** percentile



You scored equal to or higher than 51% of students

## Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score

**430** | 160 to 760

You are in the **31<sup>st</sup>** percentile



Your score shows that you're almost on track to be ready for college, but you need to keep building your skills.

## Your Math Score

**530** | 160 to 760

You are in the **69<sup>th</sup>** percentile



Your score shows that you're on track to be ready for college.

## Your Test Scores\*

Reading  
**23** | 8 to 38

Writing and Language  
**20** | 8 to 38

Math  
**26.5** | 8 to 38

\* Additional detailed scores, like test scores, provide students with a deeper understanding of their performance. Test scores are also used to calculate your NMSC® Selection Index.



Question-Level Detail



See Subscores



Strengths and Weaknesses



Personalized Practice

[psat.org/myscore](https://psat.org/myscore)

Go online for your full report

**Ima,**  
this was your score when you took the test; it is not a measure of how far you can **grow!**



Students with scores like yours increased their performance from the PSAT/NMSQT® to the SAT® by 130 points after 10 or more hours of personalized practice on Khan Academy®.



### Here's what else is waiting for you online:

1

#### Course Recommendations

Congrats! Your scores show you're ready to succeed in AP® courses. Talk to your counselor about signing up.

2

#### Scholarship Opportunities

Learn more about the National Merit® Scholarship Program. Also, earn College Board Opportunity Scholarships just by planning for college.

3

#### Free Khan Academy® SAT Prep

Create a personalized SAT study plan based on the questions you missed on the PSAT/NMSQT.

SAT®

#### Don't forget!

Register to take the SAT ahead of college application deadlines in spring of junior year and fall of senior year.



#### Your NMSC Selection Index

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NMSC® uses a Selection Index score based on PSAT/NMSQT scores as an initial screen of students who enter its scholarship programs. The Selection Index score is double the sum of your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

#### Eligibility Information

You meet entry requirements for the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program and your Selection Index score will be considered among 1.5 million program entrants.

If your Selection Index places you among the 50,000 high scorers who qualify for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition, you will be notified next September when qualifying Selection Index scores will be made available.

#### Entry Requirements

Information you provided on your answer sheet:

High school student: **YES**

Year to complete high school and enroll full time in college: **2023**

Total years to be spent in grades 9–12: **4**

#### National Merit Scholarship Corporation

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) conducts the National Merit Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and college scholarships.

To designate students who qualify for recognition in its 2023 competition, NMSC will consider the 2021 PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores of some 1.5 million test takers (usually high school juniors) who meet program entry requirements. For more information, please visit: [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org).

If any of your responses to NMSC's "Entry Requirements" questions are inaccurate or there has been a change in plans that may affect program entry, write immediately to:

**National Merit Scholarship Corporation**  
Attn: Scholarship Administration  
1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200  
Evanston, IL 60201-4897

Include your name and home address along with your high school name, address, and six-digit code number.



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# What Are Advanced Placement Courses?



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# The Basics

- AP courses are college-level courses offered in high school.
- Courses reflect what is taught in introductory college courses.
- Students take AP Exams at the end of the course, measuring their mastery of college-level work.
- Students can typically earn college credit and/or placement into honors or advanced courses when they score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam.

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# AP Courses

- **AP Capstone™**: AP Seminar, AP Research
- **Arts**: 2-D Art and Design, 3-D Art and Design, Drawing, Art History, Music Theory
- **English**: English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
- **History and Social Sciences**: Comparative Government and Politics, European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History, World History: Modern
- **Mathematics and Computer Science**: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Statistics
- **Sciences**: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1: Algebra-Based, Physics 2: Algebra-Based, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics
- **World Languages and Cultures**: Chinese Language and Culture, French Language and Culture, German Language and Culture, Italian Language and Culture, Japanese Language and Culture, Latin, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture

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# Transferrable Skills



- Written and verbal communication
- Problem-solving
- Organizational skills
- Experience with computer programs
- Management experience
- Proficiency in another language

# About AP Exams

- Standardized exams that measure how well students have mastered the content and skills of a specific AP course
- Fall registration
- Administered by schools worldwide every year in the spring
- Created and scored by teams of AP teachers and college professors



AP Exam Score	Recommendation
5	Extremely well qualified
4	Very well qualified
3	Qualified
2	Possibly qualified
1	No recommendation





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# Benefits of Taking AP

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# A Head Start in High School

Research consistently shows that AP students are better prepared for college than students who don't take AP. They're more likely to enroll and stay in college, do well in their classes, and graduate in four years.



## Get a Taste of College

Get familiar with college-level work—and boost your confidence by tackling it.



## Develop College Skills

Time management, critical thinking, scholarly writing—AP courses help you hone the skills you'll need in college and career.



## Discover Your Passion

Studying a subject in depth could give you new insights and even put you on the path to a career.

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# An Edge in College

Taking AP courses in high school could give you an advantage in college.



## **Earn College Credit**

Your AP score could earn you college credits before you even set foot on campus.



## **Stand Out to Colleges**

“AP” on your high school transcript shows colleges you’ve tackled college-level work.



## **Earn Placement in Advanced or Honors Courses**

Your AP score can let you skip introductory courses in college.

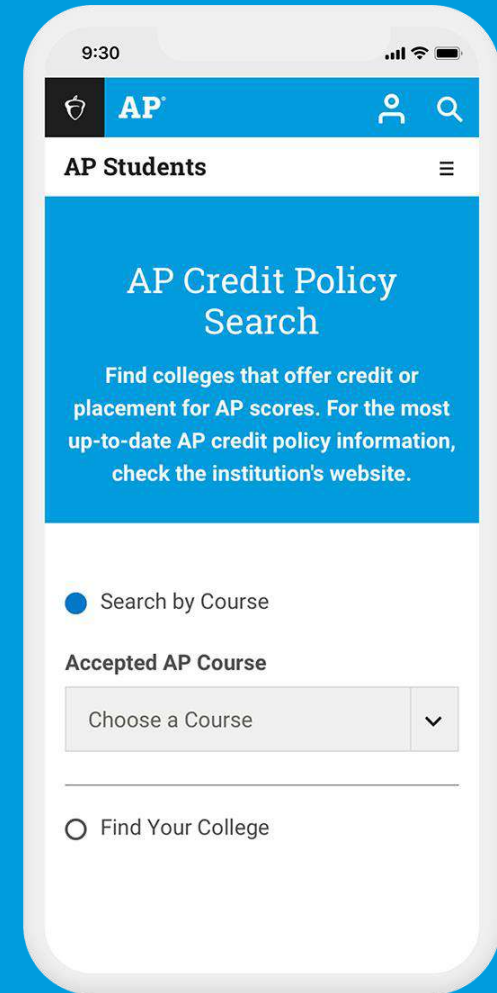


## **Save Money and Time**

Earning credit or placement can free up time on your schedule or even let you graduate early.

# Credit and Placement Opportunities

- Each college and university has its own policies regarding AP credit and placement.
- Find colleges that grant credit, placement, or both for AP Exam scores at [collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy](https://collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy)
  - Search by course or college
  - Data for each college includes a direct link to that college's website detailing AP credit and placement policies
  - A statement from the college or university about its AP policy





# Next Steps for Students and Parents

- View a video walkthrough of the score report: [youtube.com/watch?v=ie6WBDzjtGA](https://youtube.com/watch?v=ie6WBDzjtGA)
- Learn more about understanding and using scores: [psat.org/scores](https://psat.org/scores)
- Connect to scholarships: [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scholarships-and-recognition](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scholarships-and-recognition)
- Connect to colleges with Student Search Service®: [studentsearch.collegeboard.org](https://studentsearch.collegeboard.org)
- Practice for the SAT: [satpractice.org](https://satpractice.org)



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# Parent Resources

- <https://parents.collegeboard.org/collegeboard-programs/advanced-placement-program>
- <https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-credit-placement/search-policies>





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# Questions and Answers