



COATESVILLE AREA SENIOR HIGH
SCHOOL

**RESEARCHING POST-
SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS**



WHAT ARE
COLLEGES
LOOKING
FOR?

- *A challenging high school curriculum:*
- *Grades that represent strong effort and an upward trend:*
- *Solid scores on the SAT or ACT*
- *Passionate involvement in a few activities, demonstrating leadership, initiative, impact, and an angle:*
- *Meaningful use of your free time*
- *Special talents or experiences that will contribute to an interesting student body:*
- *A well-written essay that provides insight into your personality, values, and goals:*



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- *Anecdotal letters of recommendation from teachers and your counselor with evidence of your intellectual curiosity, special skills, and positive character traits*
- *A student who goes the extra mile to develop a special talent in sports, research, writing, the arts, or anything else will gain an edge*
- *Demonstrated enthusiasm for attending the university:*
- *Demonstrated intellectual curiosity*

FREE TESTING

- All Juniors will be given a FREE PSAT test during the school day in October.
- Student can prep for the PSAT test at www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice
- All Juniors will be given a FREE SAT test during the school day in March.
- Students can prep for the SAT test at www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice



When you take the PSAT/NMSQT or the PSAT 10 and say "yes" to our free [Student Search Service](#)[®], you can help scholarship providers find you.

We'll also connect you to our scholarship partners, who offer over \$235 million annually in scholarships to qualified low-income and minority students.

If you opt in to Student Search Service and you qualify, you'll be invited to apply for scholarships in the fall of your junior year.

PSAT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The PSAT/NMSQT is the qualifying test for the [National Merit® Scholarship Program](#), an academic competition for recognition and scholarships.

Highest scoring entrants in each state

For more information, visit the [National Merit® Scholarship Corporation \(NMSC\) website](#), see the *Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT*, or see the *Guide to the National Merit Scholarship Program* (for educators). NMSC is a cosponsor of the PSAT/NMSQT.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scholarships-and-recognition/scholarship-partners-programs>





THE BEST
PART.....

- The College Board and the Khan Academy partnered to provide, **FREE**, personalized SAT preparation for students.
- All you need is your College Board registration and password.

HOW TO LINK.....

- How Students Link Their College Board and Khan Academy Accounts:
 1. Go to satpractice.org. Create an account on Khan Academy or sign in to their existing account.
 2. When prompted, agree to link their Khan Academy and College Board accounts.
 3. Send their scores.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT TEST SAT VS. ACT

SAT APTITUDE TEST

Cost \$47.50 (FREE for Juniors)
With Writing \$64.50

ACT FACT BASED TEST

- Cost \$46.00
- With Writing \$62.50

PA CAREER ZONE: FREE CAREER EXPLORATION TOOL

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Pennsylvania CareerZone website. At the top left is the logo for Career Zone Pennsylvania. To the right, there are navigation links for 'Explore', 'Decide', and 'Grow', along with a search bar. A user status indicator says 'You are not signed in. Sign In'. The main heading reads 'Welcome to Pennsylvania CareerZone', followed by a prompt to 'Register for an account with Pennsylvania CareerZone to customize your career exploration.' and a prominent 'Register Now!' button. Below this, a section titled 'Choose an option below. Not sure where to start?' includes a 'Take the Tour' button. Three main activity tiles are displayed: 'Assess Yourself' with a RIASEC model diagram, 'Explore Job Families' with various career icons, and 'Budget Your Life' with a pie chart showing expenses like Rent, Phone, and Savings.

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Assess Yourself

Explore Job Families

Budget Your Life

Self Assessments can help you know yourself. Starting your search by looking at broad categories. After High School, you will need to work to pay for

- <https://www.pacareerzone.org>

PLANNING FALL / WINTER

- **Continue to do your best academic work!**
- **Be Well Rounded**
- **Use your College Board/Khan Academy Resource to Prepare for the SAT.**
- **Use the PSAT results as a study guide for the spring SAT.**
- **Select challenging courses for your senior year.**
- **Attend College Fairs**

WHERE IS YOUR
NEXT ADVENTURE?



THE CHESTER COUNTY
COLLEGE FAIR

October 15
6 PM-8 PM
EXTON SQUARE MALL

FREE 230+ COLLEGES
ADMISSION & INSTITUTIONS

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An equal opportunity
employer and educator



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PLANNING SPRING

- **Talk to your family.**
- **Stay on top of your school work while getting involved with extracurricular activities.**
- **Organize your college information. Begin narrowing down your college choices.**
- **Prepare for standardized tests.**
- **Contact your recommendation writers.**
- **Set up appointments at your top college choices.**

PLANNING SUMMER

- **Apply for a summer job or internship.**
- **Visit colleges.**
- **Organize your financial aid information.**
- **Start working on your application essays.**
- **Start a scholarship search.**