

The two main Collegeboard sites that students can look at are as follows:

www.myroad.collegeboard.com
www.collegeboard.com/quickstart

The main thing to know about Quickstart is that it has all of the answers that the students got wrong on the PSATs. Based on this, Quickstart has developed a “study plan” for each student based on what the student needs the most help with. These can be used to take practice questions and to study for the SATs. It breaks down the PSAT answers into each SAT section (critical reading, math, and writing) and gives an explanation for each question that was on the PSATs. To see the actual questions, click on the view question number button.

To sign up for Quickstart, go to www.collegeboard.com/quickstart and click on the sign into Quickstart button. If the student already has a collegeboard username and password, just sign in. If the student doesn't, click on the sign up button. This will pull up the registration page. Fill out the info and click on submit. The next screen will ask for the access code, which is located on the PSAT score report; and the test year, which is 2009. The access code is located on the top right next to the words “school copy”. If the student didn't take the test then they cannot sign up for Quickstart. If the student took the exam but didn't get the report back, then click on the “connect without a code” button. It will ask for information, which has to be entered. The school code is 330355. After this, students should be signed into their Quickstart account.

The main thing to know about MyRoad is that it is used to help students figure out what careers they may want to get into and in the shorter term, which colleges & majors may be of interest. There are A LOT of features for MyRoad so make sure to look through it a few times. There is a resume builder and an online career magazine called Insights. The magazine offers perspectives from other students and professionals in multiple fields. It also has a lot of different articles that should be of interest; such as financial aid, how to apply to colleges, what different fields have to offer, and much more. Other than that, MyRoad offers a personality test, a career questionnaire, and a majors questionnaire. This can all be found in the “ID me” section of MyRoad. These tests are pretty long and can take about half an hour to an hour to complete.

The last three sections of MyRoad contain info about colleges, careers and majors. Students can explore careers and see what each career entails. This includes an explanation of the job, what other professionals in that field have to say, where they can work, and the future outlook of that job. They can also explore college majors. This includes an overview of the major, the high school and college classes that students are recommended to take, what types of jobs students can find with that particular major, and what other people majoring in the same field have to say. The college search has a lot of different functions. A few are comparing two or three different schools, seeing what majors are offered at the college, how much the college costs, what types of grades the college needs, the location and population of the school, and what types of sports are offered.

Students who have signed up for Quickstart do not have to sign up for another Collegeboard account. Once you go to www.myroad.collegeboard.com click on the “sign up today” button. In the middle, where it says “school-based subscriptions” enter the code 330355 and click “go”. Students should have signed up already through Quickstart so they can just put their username and password. If somehow they didn't, click sign up and follow the same sign up steps from Quickstart. After that, they should be able to access their MyRoad account.