



Understanding Your PSAT Scores

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Today's Objectives

- + To provide an overview of the information that appears on your paper PSAT Score Report
- + To show you how to utilize your scores to prepare for the SAT and to increase college & career readiness

Understanding My Paper Score Report

 CollegeBoard /  NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

PSAT/NMSQT[®]

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

Your Score Report

What Are My Scores?

Your Evidence-Based
Reading and Writing Score

380 | 160 to 760

Your Nationally
Representative **18th** Sample
Percentile



Your scores indicate you are close to being on track for college readiness, but you need to continue to strengthen your skills.

Let's get you back on track, so you won't have to take noncredit courses in college. You have free, personalized recommendations waiting for you on khanacademy.org/sat.

Your Total Score

860 | 320 to 1520

Your Nationally
Representative **28th** Sample
Percentile

Keep in mind,
the PSAT/NMSQT[®]
and SAT are on
the same scale.

Your score shows you how you would have scored that day on the SAT[®].¹ How well you do depends on what you do next!

Your Math Score

480 | 160 to 760

Your Nationally
Representative **47th** Sample
Percentile

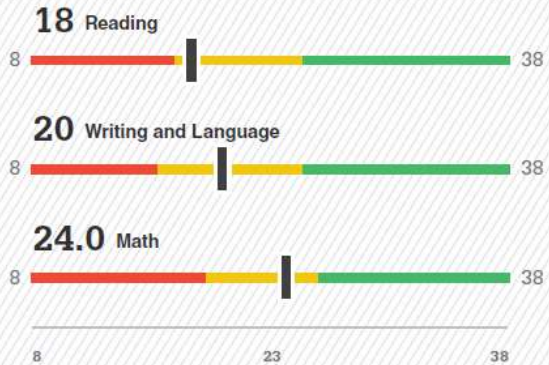


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What Are My Scores? (cont.)

Test Scores 8 to 38 range*



Cross-Test Scores 8 to 38 range

- 19 Analysis in History/Social Studies
- 18 Analysis in Science

When you take tests more than once, your scores may differ slightly upon each testing occasion. This expected variation is considered your score range, and reflects the range your scores will likely fall in upon retesting. For the PSAT/NMSQT®, these ranges are approximately:

- Total:** Your score \pm 40 points.
- Section:** Your score \pm 30 points.
- Test Scores and Cross-Test Scores:** Your score \pm 3 points.
- Subscores:** Your score \pm 2 points.

Remember that you will receive scores in the same areas when you take the SAT.

1. Beginning in March 2016

Subscores 1 to 15 range*



Ima B. Student

John F. Kennedy High School, 123456, 2015, Grade 10, I.D. #24068907

What Are My Score Percentiles?

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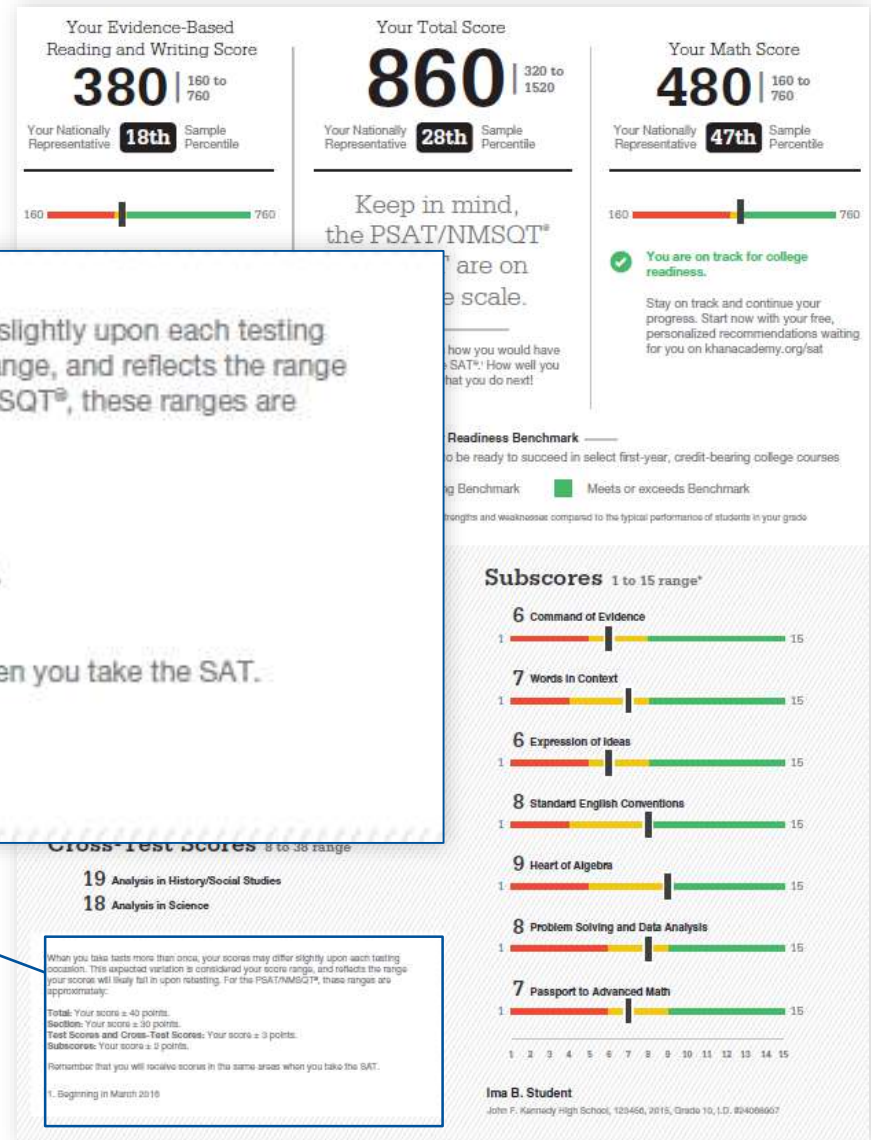
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What Are My Score Ranges?



What is the National Merit® Scholarship Program?



National Merit Scholarship Corporation

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Your NMSC Selection Index

124*

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

Entry Requirements

(Information you provided on your answer sheet)

High school student:
YES

Year to complete high school and enroll full-time in college:
2018

Years to be spent in grades 9–12:
4

U.S. Citizenship:
NO, but I am a U.S. lawful permanent resident (or have applied for permanent residence, the application for which has not been denied) and I intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.

Eligibility Information

The asterisk () next to your Selection Index means you do not meet entry requirements for the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. See your responses to entry requirements to the right.




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Ability Information

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Test Scores: Next Steps


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What Are My Areas of Strength? What Skills Do I Need to Build?

Your Scores: Next Steps

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:

Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts

Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of a text to support claims or points in somewhat challenging text

Revise somewhat challenging text to ensure that information is presented in the most logical order

18
8 to 38

Improve your skills by focusing on:

Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in challenging text

Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purpose such as persuading an audience

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Writing and Language Test

Draw reasonable conclusions from somewhat challenging texts

Describe the overall structure of a somewhat challenging text

Identify claims and counterclaims explicitly stated in a somewhat challenging passage

20
8 to 38

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Math Test

Interpret a linear inequality in one variable with rational coefficients that represents a context. Select the equation of a line of best fit and interpret the slope and intercept of the line in the context of the situation (when a linear model is appropriate)

Interpret sample statistics understanding and using margin of error

Solve and interpret a quadratic function or equation that represents a context and requires multiple steps

Calculate and interpret frequency distributions using tables and other representational methods

24.0
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Your NMSC Selection Index

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Information

Selection Index means you qualify for the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program.

After school and entering 11 take the PSAT/NMSTSM (9th or 10th grade) to be in the Scholarship Program.

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4.0
8 to 38

Next steps online

info@collegeboard.org

AP and Course Work

Which AP courses may be a match for you

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How Do I Access My Online PSAT/NMSQT® Scores and Reports?

1. Log in to an existing College Board account or create a new one at studentscores.collegeboard.org

The image shows a screenshot of the CollegeBoard website's 'My Score Reports' page. The page has a blue header with the CollegeBoard logo and navigation links for SAT, AP, College Planning, College Search, Store, and More. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled 'My Score Reports' and features a 'Sign In' section on the left and a 'Create Your Student Account' section on the right. The 'Sign In' section includes fields for 'Username' and 'Password', a 'Sign In' button (circled in orange), and a 'Sign Up' button. Below these fields is a link for 'Forgot username or password?'. The 'Create Your Student Account' section includes a heading, a paragraph explaining the account's purpose, a list of benefits, and a 'General Student Information' form with fields for 'First (given) name:', 'Middle initial:', and 'Last name (surname):'. An orange arrow points from the 'Sign In' button to the 'Create Your Student Account' form.

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- Detailed explanations of skills required to be college ready
- Send your scores to Khan Academy® for personalized practice recommendations
- Search for colleges that fit your needs
- Start on your scholarship and college financial aid
- Take a personality test to find majors and careers you like
- Get feedback on your readiness for AP courses

Create Your Student Account

This one account is for everything, including SAT, AP, PSAT/NMSQT, CLEP, and BigFuture activities, so provide complete and accurate information.

* = Required

General Student Information

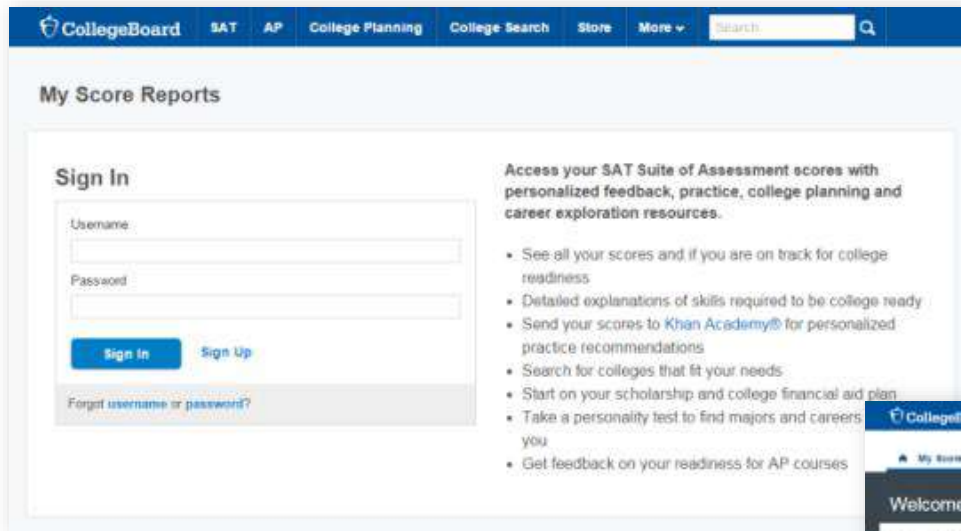
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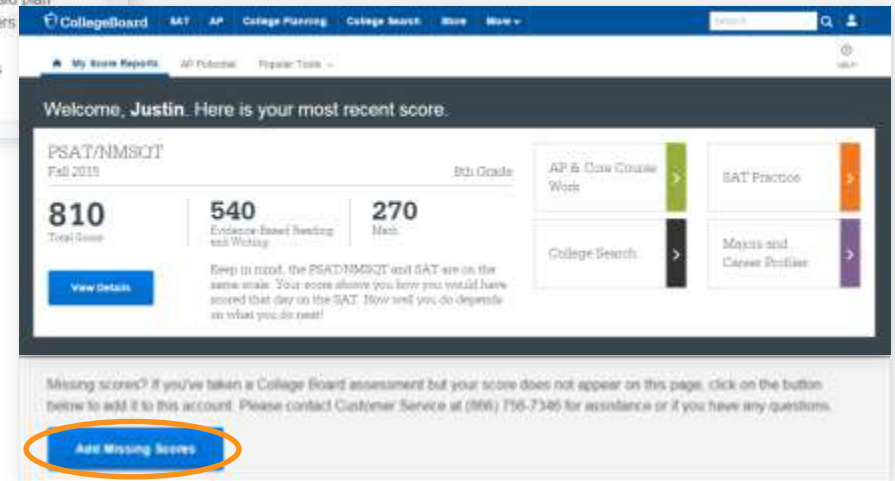
2. Select PSAT/NMSQT Scores

Or

3. Use “Missing Scores” to locate scores

What information is in the
detailed online report?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzCSlilL3WQ&feature=youtu.be>



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- + Sign up for Official SAT Practice for free
 - satpractice.org
- + Complete practice problems and diagnostic quizzes
- + Link your College Board and Khan Academy accounts.
 - All SAT Suite results will be sent to further customize practice on Khan Academy using actual results.

How to link your accounts:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vhfaw8w4G2w>



When Should I Take the SAT[®]?

- + Most students take the SAT in the spring of their junior year.
- + SAT School Day is the **new SAT on March 2, 2016.**
- + The first administration of the **new SAT is March 5, 2016.**
- + Many students choose to take the SAT more than one time. Additional SAT dates include:
 - **May 7, 2016** (scores from the March 5 administration will not be available prior to this test date)
 - **June 4, 2016**



What Are My Next Steps?

- + Continue to take challenging courses in high school
- + Share your Paper Score Report with your parents
- + Create a CollegeBoard account
 - Explore the in-depth score report
- + Link scores with Khan Academy
 - Set up a practice plan and stick to it!
- + Register for the SAT (juniors) in May or June at www.sat.org/register
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 - Follow us on Twitter @MTS_Counselors for college and career updates, scholarship information, and SAT Question of the Day