

Understanding 2016–17 PSAT 8/9 Results

A PARENT TUTORIAL

A Case Study: Ima B. Student's PSAT 8/9 Score Report

Take a look at Ima B. Student's Sample Score Report below and on the next page. Use the corresponding information to help you interpret your student's PSAT™ 8/9 Score Report.

What Are Ima's Scores?

Ima's Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score is 460 and Math is 440. In Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Ima's score exceeds the benchmark, and she is on track for college readiness. In Math, Ima is close to meeting the benchmark. Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores can give Ima a better understanding of areas to work on.

What Are Her Score Percentiles?

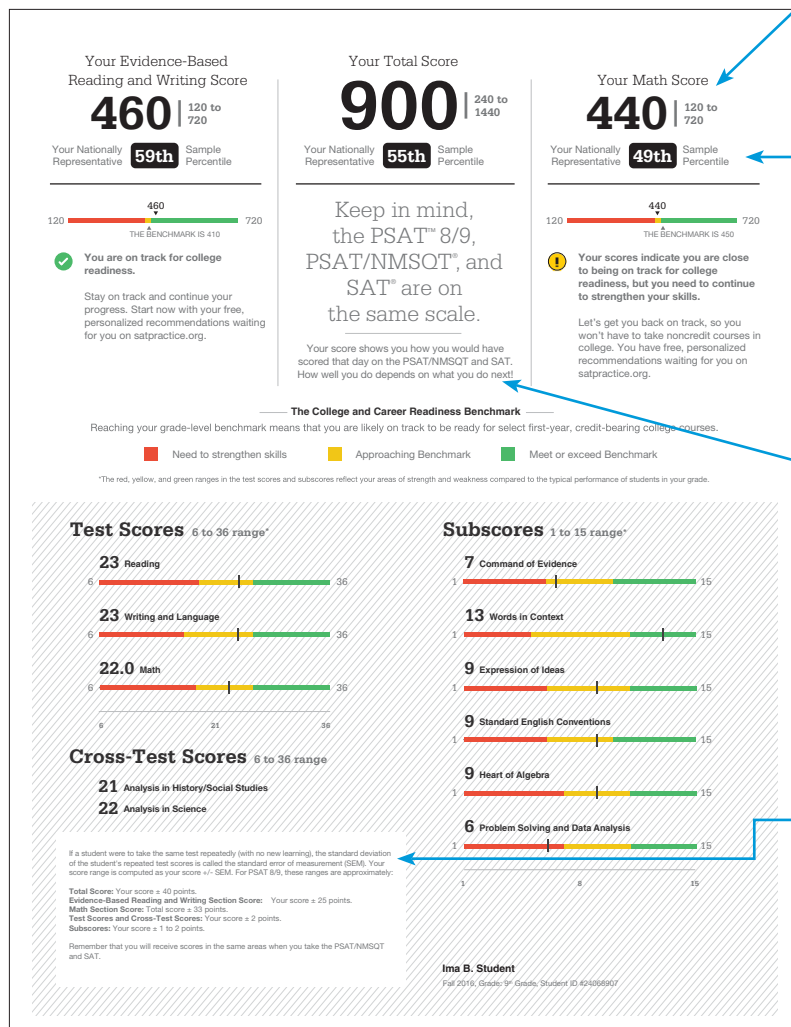
Because Ima is in the ninth grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all ninth graders in the nation. Ima scored as well or better than 59% of a nationally representative group of ninth-grade students in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. In Math, she scored as well or better than 49% of a nationally representative group of freshmen. Additional percentiles are available in Ima's online score report.

How Will Ima Do on the SAT?

The PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT®, and SAT® are scored on a common scale. Therefore, if Ima had taken the SAT instead of the PSAT 8/9 on the same test date, she would have received the same score. By the time Ima takes the SAT, she will likely have had additional learning from school and practice. Her PSAT 8/9 results can help Ima focus her efforts in high school to be better prepared for the SAT.

What Are Her Score Ranges?

No test measures precisely what someone knows, and many factors can affect results. That is why test makers think of each score as a range that extends from a few points below to a few points above the score earned.



Your Scores: Next Steps

Additional skills and improvement suggestions can be found in your online score report.

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:

Reading Test **23** (6 to 36)

Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:

- 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
- Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts
- Draw reasonable inferences and logical conclusions from challenging texts
- Analyze information presented quantitatively in such forms as graphs, tables, and charts and relate that information to information presented in somewhat challenging text
- Determine how the selection of specific words shapes meaning and tone in a challenging passage
- Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purpose such as persuading an audience
- Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in challenging text

Writing and Language Test **23** (6 to 36)

- 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
- 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 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
- Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within challenging texts
- Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in challenging text
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Math Test **22.0** (6 to 36)

- 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
- Determine how a graph may be affected by a change to its equation
- Determine the value of a constant or coefficient for an equation with no solution or infinitely many solutions
- Using a specified model, make a prediction and compare the predicted values with the actual values in the data set
- Within a context, compare the center of two separate data sets with different spreads
- Determine whether two events are independent given their probabilities
- Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purpose such as persuading an audience

Get more next steps online
studentscores.collegeboard.org

- Free Practice**: Develop the skills you'll need for high school and beyond with Khan Academy® - free online on satpractice.org.
- Core Course Work**: Use your results to create a core course work plan in high school.
- Explore**: Discover majors and careers that connect to the things you care about most with Roadtrip Nation.

Ima B. Student Fall 2016, Grade: 9th Grade

How Can Ima Improve Her Academic Skills?

Your Scores: Next Steps are based on her test scores, and the general skills that similarly performing students understand. Ima can see which skills she performed well on and which she needs to improve. Ima can log in to the full report online to see additional skills and improvement steps. (Note that she must be at least 13 years old to do so.) Ima can also link her account to Khan Academy® for personalized practice recommendations.

What Are Ima's Next Steps?

Under **Get more next steps online**, Ima is directed to studentscores.collegeboard.org to learn how to prepare for the SAT with Khan Academy and use her results to create a challenging coursework plan in high school.

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How Can Ima Measure Her Progress?

When she becomes a sophomore, Ima can take the PSAT/NMSQT or the PSAT™ 10 to measure the progress she's made since she took the PSAT 8/9. She can take advantage of practice resources by visiting satpractice.org.

What Can We Learn from Ima's Answers?

The score report is designed to help students see how they performed by showing the skill areas covered (subscore and cross-test score), and whether the answer was correct, incorrect, or omitted. For the spring 2017 testing window, the actual questions, answers, and answer explanations won't be provided, and the score report won't include the correct answer column.

Your Question-Level Feedback

Writing and Language										Math Test-Calculator									
Subscore	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score	
WLC	1	A	B	III	WLC, EDI	HSS	2	C	A	III	HQA		12	C	A	III	HQA		
WLC	2	A	A	III	SEC		3	C	B	III	PSD		13	A	A	III	HQA		
WLC	3	A	A	III	SEC		4	D	A	III	PSD		14	B	A	III	HQA		
WLC	4	C	A	III	EOI	HSS	5	B	D	III	PSD	SCI	15	D	C	III	PSD		
WLC	5	B	D	III	COE, EDI	HSS	6	B	A	III	EOI	HSS	16	B	A	III	PSD	HSS	
WLC	6	B	A	III	EOI	HSS	7	D	C	III	PSD	SCI	17	D	A	III	PSD	SCI	
WLC	7	D	A	III	WLC, EDI	HSS	8	B	C	III	SEC		18	C	D	III	PSD	SCI	
WLC	8	B	C	III	SEC		9	B	A	III	PSD		19	C	A	III	PSD	HSS	
WLC	9	D	O	III	SEC		10	D	C	III	PSD		20	B	D	III	HQA		
WLC	10	C	A	III	COE, EDI	HSS	11	C	O	III	PSD	SCI	21	A	C	III	HQA	HSS	
WLC	11	B	O	III	SEC														
WLC	12	C	A	III	COE, EDI	SCI													
WLC	13	B	A	III	SEC														
WLC	14	A	B	III	WLC, EDI	SCI													
WLC	15	D	A	III	COE	HSS													
WLC	16	C	B	III	HSS														
WLC	17	B	A	III	SCI														
WLC	18	A	A	III	WLC, SCI														
WLC	19	C	A	III	COE, SCI														
WLC	20	D	B	III	WLC, SCI														
WLC	21	C	A	III	SCI														
WLC	22	B	C	III	COE, SCI														
WLC	23	D	A	III	SCI														
WLC	24	D	C	III	SCI														
WLC	25	D	A	III	SCI														
WLC	26	A	C	III	COE, HSS														
WLC	27	D	C	III	COE, HSS														
WLC	28	A	A	III	HSS														
WLC	29	C	A	III	WLC														
WLC	30	B	A	III	HSS														
WLC	31	C	A	III	HSS														
WLC	32	D	A	III	HSS														
WLC	33	C	A	III	HSS														
WLC	34	B	A	III	WLC, HSS														
WLC	35	A	A	III	SCI														
WLC	36	B	A	III	WLC, SCI														
WLC	37	B	A	III	WLC, SCI														
WLC	38	C	A	III	WLC, SCI														
WLC	39	D	B	III	COE, SCI														
WLC	40	D	A	III	SCI														
WLC	41	D	A	III	SCI														
WLC	42	A	O	III	COE, SCI														

Math Test-No Calculator											
Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	A	C	III	HQA		6	D	B	III	SCI	
2	B	O	III	HQA		7	C	B	III	SCI	
3	B	O	III	HQA		8	A	A	III	HQA	HSS
4	A	C	III	HQA		9	D	A	III	HQA	
5	C	B	III	HQA		10	A	B	III	HQA	

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
11	7			6	III
12	15			III	HQA
13	1.5, 32			III	HQA

Subscore
 COE Command of Evidence
 WLC Words in Context
 EDI Expression of Ideas
 SEC Standard English Conventions
 HQA Heart of Algebra
 PSD Problem Solving and Data Analysis

Cross-Test Score
 HSS Analysis in History/Social Studies
 SCI Analysis in Science

Key
 ✓ Correct
 ○ Omitted
 U Unscorable
 III Easy
 III Medium
 III Hard

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