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Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

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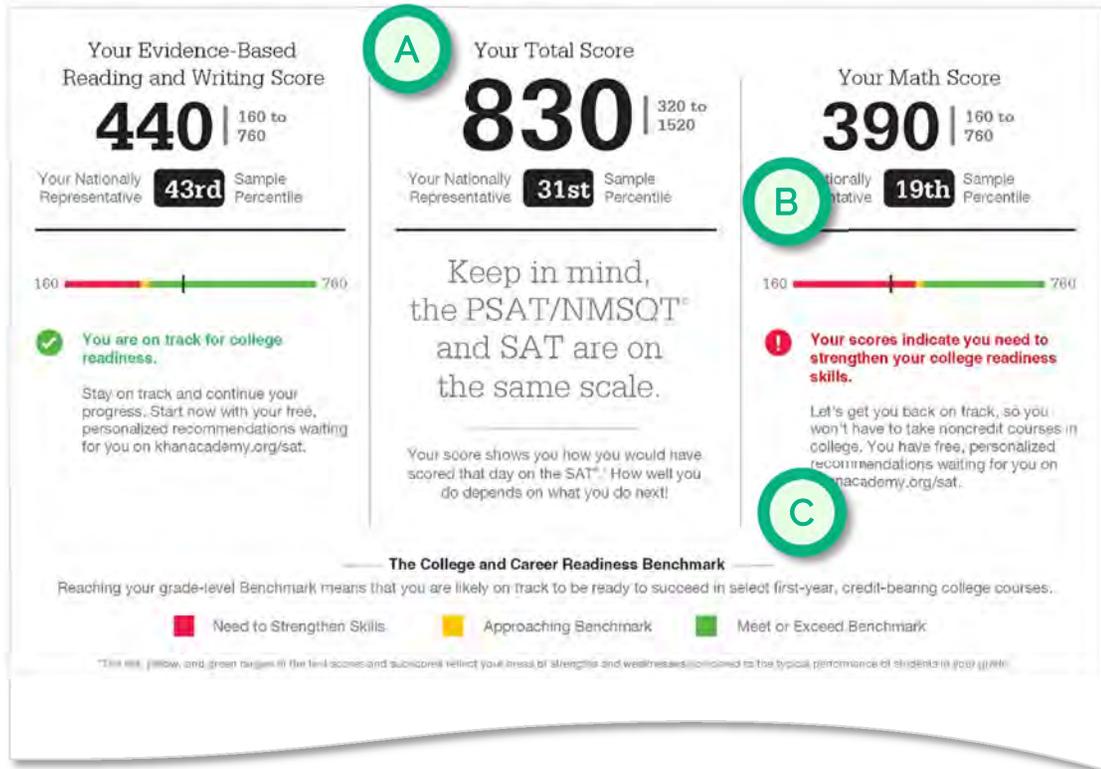See which AP courses may
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your online score report

Summit's Interpretive Guide
for the
PSAT Score Report

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PSAT Score Report (sample)

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score
440 | 160 to 760

Your Nationally Representative **43rd** Sample Percentile

160 ———————————— 760

✓ You are on track for college readiness.

Stay on track and continue your progress. Start now with your free, personalized recommendations waiting for you on khanacademy.org/sat.

(A)

Your Total Score
830 | 320 to 1520

Your Nationally Representative **31st** 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*. How well you do depends on what you do next!

Your Math Score
390 | 160 to 760

Nationally Representative **19th** Sample Percentile

(B)

160 ———————————— 760

⚠ **Your scores indicate you need to strengthen your college readiness skills.**

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(C)

The College and Career Readiness Benchmark

Reaching your grade-level Benchmark means that you are likely on track to be ready to succeed in select first-year, credit-bearing college courses.

■ Need to Strengthen Skills   ■ Approaching Benchmark   ■ Meet or Exceed Benchmark

*The red, yellow, and green ranges in the test scores and subscores reflect your areas of strengths and weaknesses compared to the typical performance of students in your grade.

The top half of the PSAT Score Report's first page shows the student's Total Score and Section Scores, as well as percentile ranks.

The Total Score and Section Scores are typically the most important SAT scores when applying to college. The PSAT is not used for college admissions, but PSAT scores are good indicators of your student's potential on the SAT. Note that students' SAT scores are usually higher than their PSAT scores, because students take the SAT when they are older and smarter.

PSAT Section Scores are on a 160-760 scale, whereas the SAT's Section Scores are on a 200-800 scale. The tests' scale ranges differ because some SAT content is more advanced than what is seen on the PSAT. Put simply, the PSAT does not have 800-level content, so it does not offer an 800 score.

(A) Scaled scores are on the same "continuous" scale as the SAT. If a student achieves a Math score of 500 on the PSAT, he or she would have likely achieved the same score on an SAT taken on that same day.

(B) Percentiles give a sense of relative standing among students. The "Nationally Representative" percentile is based on data for all U.S. students in a particular grade, including students who did not take the PSAT.
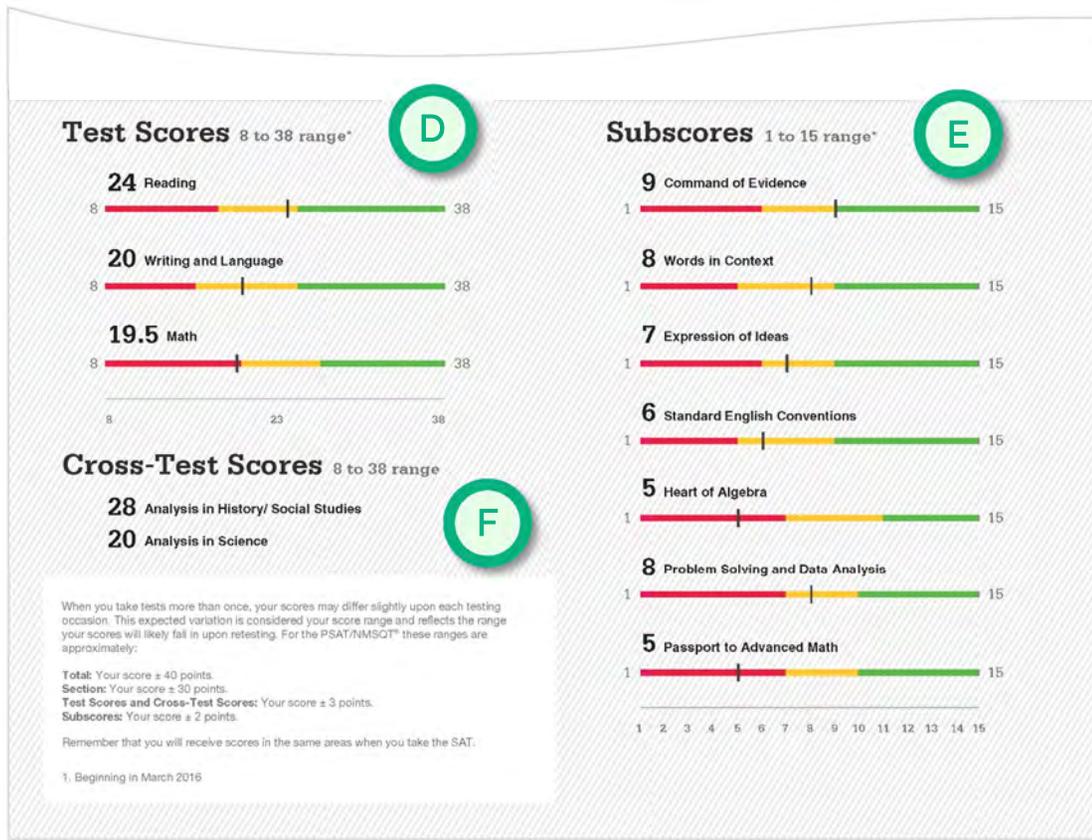
Students can view their PSAT results online and see their percentile ranking relative to only students who took the PSAT. Note that this percentile ranking is often lower than the "Nationally Representative" ranking.

(C) The Benchmark shows whether a student will, with average levels of improvement, achieve a "College Readiness" score on the SAT (typically about 500 per section). This rough predictor should not be used as a definitive measure of student potential.

Test Scores *8 to 38 range*

24 Reading
8 ▬▬▬▬▬ 38

20 Writing and Language
8 ▬▬▬▬▬ 38

19.5 Math
8 ▬▬▬▬▬ 38

8   23   38

Cross-Test Scores *8 to 38 range*

28 Analysis in History/ Social Studies

20 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 ± 40 points.
Section: Your score ± 30 points.
Test Scores and Cross-Test Scores: Your score ± 3 points.
Subscores: Your score ± 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*

9 Command of Evidence
1 ▬▬▬▬▬ 15

8 Words in Context
1 ▬▬▬▬▬ 15

7 Expression of Ideas
1 ▬▬▬▬▬ 15

6 Standard English Conventions
1 ▬▬▬▬▬ 15

5 Heart of Algebra
1 ▬▬▬▬▬ 15

8 Problem Solving and Data Analysis
1 ▬▬▬▬▬ 15

5 Passport to Advanced Math
1 ▬▬▬▬▬ 15

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

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Test Scores are used to calculate Section Scores.

Multiplying the sum of the Reading and Writing and Language Test Scores by 10 gives the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section Score.

Multiplying the Math Test Score by 20 gives the Math Section Score.

E

Subscores provide more focused information for how students can focus their test preparation.

For the SAT, these scores are generally not used in college admissions decisions.

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Cross-Test Scores are based on 19 history-related questions and 19 science-related questions throughout the PSAT. There is no dedicated history or science section on the test.

Cross-Test Scores are used primarily as assessment tools for schools.

For the SAT, these scores are generally not used in college admissions decisions.

The bottom half of the PSAT Score Report's first page shows the student's Test Scores and Subscores.

As the PSAT is primarily used as practice for the SAT, the Subscores are important indicators of students' skills. Subscores show strengths and weaknesses, which should guide how students prioritize their SAT preparation.

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 2017 competition, NMSC will consider the 2015 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.

If any of your responses to NMSC's "Entry Requirements" questions (see right-hand column) 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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Your NMSC Selection Index

127*

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.

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.

NOTE: Students leaving high school and entering college in 2018 or later must take the PSAT/NMSQT again in their 3rd year (junior year) of grades 9-12 to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program.

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:
Yes

Your Scores: Next Steps

(H)

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:	Reading Test	Improve your skills by focusing on your ability to:

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:

- Read closely in a moderately challenging passage to draw a reasonable inference
- Determine the best textual evidence for a conclusion when both evidence and conclusion are relatively obvious and direct (e.g., a clearly stated fact as evidence for a simple logical conclusion)
- Determine the central idea or theme of a moderately challenging passage

Additional skills can be found in your online score report.

Reading Test

24
8 to 38

Improve your skills by focusing on your ability to:

- Make sure you are spending time practicing your reading of complex texts. These are texts that can be difficult to understand at first because the structure, purpose, meaning, and language may be difficult or unfamiliar. Read carefully and purposefully, and focus ...
- Make sure you are spending time practicing your reading of complex texts. These are texts that can be difficult to understand at first because the structure, purpose, meaning, and language may be difficult or unfamiliar. When you are reading complex texts, try ...

Writing and Language Test

- Use supporting information to achieve a simple purpose (e.g., providing a short list of examples introduced by including)
- Delete information that is obviously irrelevant to the main focus of a paragraph or passage (e.g., eliminating a detail that has no clear relationship to a passage's topic)
- Make an effective word or phrase choice in a straightforward situation (e.g., using a common but still appropriate expression instead of ...

Additional skills can be found in your online score report.

20
8 to 38

- In your reading, identify the ways authors use signals such as topic sentences or introductory phrases (e.g., for example, in contrast) to guide the reader and provide structure to the text.
- In your writing and revising, use supporting information to achieve a specific purpose, perhaps by providing a cause for an effect or offering direct support in the form of an example for a claim;
- In your writing and revising, delete information that is irrelevant to ...

Math Test

- Select the most appropriate data display that represents the relationship between two variables
- Select an appropriate graphical representation of a context
- Interpret data represented in a graph
- Create a ratio based on a context and use the rate to solve a problem

Additional skills can be found in your online score report.

19.5
8 to 38

- Interpret the rate of change of a linear relationship between two variables in a real-world scenario.
- Make connections between algebraic, graphical, tabular, and verbal representations of linear functions. When given one representation, be able to create any of the other representations.
- Use the relationship between variables shown on a graph to make predictions and conclusions given a context.

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The National Merit Scholarship Corporation uses PSAT/NMSQT scores to select candidates for Merit Scholarship awards. Candidacy is based on students' NMSC Selection Index scores, which are calculated from PSAT Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores. Selection Index scores range from 48-228. The scores required to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program vary from state to state.

In September 2016, the NMSC will notify the top-scoring students (about 1% of the total PSAT-taking students) that are eligible to apply for the Merit Scholarships.

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The score report includes tips for how the student can most effectively improve scores. This feedback is useful, but broad.

More helpful advice requires personal consideration that the College Board cannot provide, such as careful analysis of individual test questions, feedback on the student's testing experience, and consideration of the student's personality and learning style.

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Your Question-Level Feedback

Reading

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	D	C	▪▪▪		
2	B	A	▪▪▪		
3	C	D	▪▪▪	COE	
4	B	✓	▪▪▪		
5	D	✓	▪▪▪	COE	
6	A	✓	▪▪▪	WIC	
7	C	✓	▪▪▪	WIC	
8	B	A	▪▪▪		
9	D	A	▪▪▪		
10	C	✓	▪▪▪	WIC	HSS
11	B	✓	▪▪▪		HSS
12	C	✓	▪▪▪	COE	HSS
13	A	✓	▪▪▪		HSS
14	A	✓	▪▪▪	COE	HSS
15	C	A	▪▪▪	WIC	HSS
16	C	✓	▪▪▪	WIC	HSS
17	C	✓	▪▪▪	COE	HSS
18	B	A	▪▪▪	COE	HSS
19	B	✓	▪▪▪		SCI
20	D	B	▪▪▪		SCI
21	B	✓	▪▪▪	COE	SCI
22	D	✓	▪▪▪	WIC	SCI
23	B	✓	▪▪▪		SCI
24	A	D	▪▪▪	WIC	SCI
25	C	B	▪▪▪		SCI
26	C	✓	▪▪▪	COE	SCI
27	A	✓	▪▪▪		SCI
28	B	✓	▪▪▪		SCI
29	D	✓	▪▪▪		HSS
30	C	B	▪▪▪		HSS
31	A	✓	▪▪▪	WIC	HSS
32	C	D	▪▪▪		HSS
33	B	✓	▪▪▪		HSS
34	C	A	▪▪▪		HSS
35	B	✓	▪▪▪	COE	HSS
36	A	Ø	▪▪▪		HSS
37	A	Ø	▪▪▪		HSS
38	C	Ø	▪▪▪		HSS
39	B	Ø	▪▪▪		SCI
40	B	Ø	▪▪▪	WIC	SCI
41	D	Ø	▪▪▪	WIC	SCI
42	D	Ø	▪▪▪		SCI
43	A	Ø	▪▪▪	COE	SCI
44	B	Ø	▪▪▪		SCI
45	D	Ø	▪▪▪		SCI
46	A	Ø	▪▪▪		SCI
47	A	Ø	▪▪▪		SCI

Writing and Language

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	C	✓	▪▪▪	WIC, EOI	
2	C	D	▪▪▪	EOI	
3	A	C	▪▪▪	SEC	
4	C	D	▪▪▪	SEC	
5	B	✓	▪▪▪	EOI	
6	D	✓	▪▪▪	COE, EOI	
7	C	✓	▪▪▪	SEC	
8	A	✓	▪▪▪	EOI	
9		✓	▪▪▪	WIC, EOI	
10	A	▪▪▪	SEC		
11	B	✓	▪▪▪	SEC	
12	A	✓	▪▪▪	SEC	
13	C	✓	▪▪▪	EOI	HSS
14	D	✓	▪▪▪	SEC	
15	B	✓	▪▪▪	SEC	
16	B	A	▪▪▪	SEC	
17	B	D	▪▪▪	WIC, EOI	HSS
18	C	D	▪▪▪	EOI	HSS
19	B	✓	▪▪▪	COE, EOI	HSS
20	C	✓	▪▪▪	SEC	
21	D	✓	▪▪▪	WIC, EOI	HSS
22	D	✓	▪▪▪	COE, EOI	HSS
23	C	D	▪▪▪	SEC	
24	B	C	▪▪▪	EOI	
25	A	✓	▪▪▪	SEC	
26	A	✓	▪▪▪	WIC, EOI	
27	B	Ø	▪▪▪	SEC	
28	C	Ø	▪▪▪	SEC	
29	A	Ø	▪▪▪	COE, EOI	
30	D	Ø	▪▪▪	COE, EOI	
31	B	Ø	▪▪▪	COE, EOI	
32	D	Ø	▪▪▪	SEC	
33	D	Ø	▪▪▪	WIC, EOI	
34	B	Ø	▪▪▪	SEC	
35	D	Ø	▪▪▪	SEC	
36	C	Ø	▪▪▪	SEC	
37	A	Ø	▪▪▪	WIC, EOI	SCI
38	D	Ø	▪▪▪	SEC	
39	D	Ø	▪▪▪	SEC	
40	A	Ø	▪▪▪	COE, EOI	SCI
41	A	Ø	▪▪▪	EOI	SCI
42	C	Ø	▪▪▪	WIC, EOI	SCI
43	C	Ø	▪▪▪	COE, EOI	SCI
44	B	Ø	▪▪▪	EOI	SCI

Math Test – Calculator

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	C	✓	▪▪▪	PSD	SCI
2	C	✓	▪▪▪	PAM	
3	B	✓	▪▪▪	PSD	SCI
4	A	✓	▪▪▪	PAM	
5	A	C	▪▪▪	PSD	SCI
6	D	B	▪▪▪	HOA	
7	C	✓	▪▪▪	PSD	HSS
8	B	✓	▪▪▪	PSD	HSS
9	C	✓	▪▪▪	PSD	HSS
10	B	A	▪▪▪	PSD	
11	A	✓	▪▪▪	HOA	
12	B	✓	▪▪▪	HOA	
13	D	✓	▪▪▪	HOA	SCI
14	B	✓	▪▪▪	PSD	HSS
15	C	✓	▪▪▪	PSD	HSS
16	A	C	▪▪▪	HOA	
17	C	Ø	▪▪▪	PSD	
18	D	Ø	▪▪▪	PSD	SCI
19	C	Ø	▪▪▪	HOA	
20	D	Ø	▪▪▪	PSD	
21	C	Ø	▪▪▪	PAM	
22	C	Ø	▪▪▪	HOA	SCI
23	A	Ø	▪▪▪	PAM	
24	B	Ø	▪▪▪		
25	D	Ø	▪▪▪	PSD	
26	C	Ø	▪▪▪	PSD	
27	D	Ø	▪▪▪	PAM	

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
28	6	Ø	▪▪▪	HOA	
29	480	Ø	▪▪▪	PAM	
30	46.8	Ø	▪▪▪	PSD	HSS
31	38.8, 38.9	Ø	▪▪▪	PSD	

Math Test – No Calculator

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	A	C	▪▪▪	HOA	
2	D	C	▪▪▪	PAM	
3	A	C	▪▪▪	HOA	SCI
4	C	D	▪▪▪	PAM	
5	D	C	▪▪▪	HOA	
6	C	B	▪▪▪	PAM	
7	C	B	▪▪▪	PAM	
8	B	Ø	▪▪▪	HOA	
9	B	Ø	▪▪▪	PAM	
10	A	Ø	▪▪▪	PAM	
11	C	Ø	▪▪▪	PAM	
12	D	Ø	▪▪▪	HOA	HSS
13	B	Ø	▪▪▪	HOA	

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
14	35	Ø	▪▪▪		
15	4	Ø	▪▪▪	HOA	
16	5/3, 1.66, 1.67	Ø	▪▪▪	PAM	
17	36	Ø	▪▪▪	HOA	

Key:
- ✓ Correct
- Ø Omitted
- U Unscorable
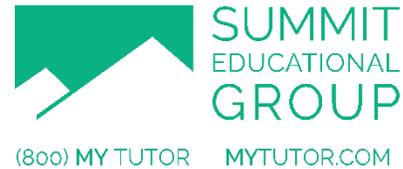- ▪▪▪ Easy
- ▪▪▪ Medium
- ▪▪▪ Hard

Subscore:
- COE Command of Evidence
- WIC Words in Context
- EOI Expression of Ideas
- SEC Standard English Conventions
- HOA Heart of Algebra
- PSD Problem Solving and Data Analysis
- PAM Passport to Advanced Math

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

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The last page of the PSAT report shows how the student performed on each question.

Students should review their test to identify areas for improvement. Missed questions indicate areas where students need more study or practice. For example, incorrect answers to low-difficulty questions are signs of carelessness or gaps in foundational skills.

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Your Total Score ⓘ

830 | 320 to 1520

Score Range: 790-870 (L)

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

31st Nationally Representative Sample Percentile

Your percentile indicates the percentage of a nationally representative group of 11th grade U.S. students who would have had scores at or below your score. The average score for the nationally representative group is 969. ⓘ

29th Your PSAT/NMSQT User Percentile - National

Your percentile indicates the percentage of a typical group of 11th grade College Board U.S. test takers who would have had scores at or below your score. The average score for the 11th grade College Board PSAT/NMSQT typical group is 987. ⓘ

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score ⓘ

440 | 160 to 760

Score Range: 410-470

760 | 800
Your Score 440 | Benchmark 390 | Projected Range for next year | Benchmark 410
160 | 200

11th Grade PSAT/NMSQT | 12th Grade SAT (M)

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43rd Nationally Representative Sample Percentile

Your percentile indicates the percentage of a nationally representative group of 11th grade U.S. students who would have had scores at or below your score. The average score for the nationally representative group is 480. ⓘ (N)

40th Your PSAT/NMSQT User Percentile - National

Your percentile indicates the percentage of a typical group of 11th grade College Board U.S. test takers who would have had scores at or below your score. The average score for the 11th grade College Board PSAT/NMSQT typical group is 489. ⓘ

Your Math Score ⓘ

390 | 160 to 760

Score Range: 360-420

760 | 800
Your Score 390 | Benchmark 500 | Projected Range for next year | Benchmark 520
160 | 200

11th Grade PSAT/NMSQT | 12th Grade SAT

❗ **Your scores indicate you need to strengthen your college readiness skills.**

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19th Nationally Representative Sample Percentile

Your percentile indicates the percentage of a nationally representative group of 11th grade U.S. students who would have had scores at or below your score. The average score for the nationally representative group is 489. ⓘ

18th Your PSAT/NMSQT User Percentile - National

Your percentile indicates the percentage of a typical group of 11th grade College Board U.S. test takers who would have had scores at or below your score. The average score for the 11th grade College Board PSAT/NMSQT typical group is 498. ⓘ

K Select the "Test Questions" tab to view individual questions from the PSAT. Students can review test material, see their answers, and get explanations for every question on their PSAT.

L The online report shows a range of scores the student would likely get if he or she took the PSAT or SAT again (without learning anything new that would improve the score). This range accounts for the standard error of measurement in the test's assessment.

M Below the student's test scores is a prediction of how well the student will score if he or she takes the SAT a year later.

Click on the link ("Projected Range for next year") to view a message with the student's predicted score range.

N The Nationally Representative Sample Percentile is the same ranking seen in the printed report.

The PSAT/NMSQT User Percentile is based on data for all students who took the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10.

Note that the PSAT/NMSQT User Percentile is usually lower than the Nationally Representative Sample Percentile. Students who typically take the PSAT are more academically competitive than the general student population.

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