PSAT Scores Are In: What Next?







Please pick up your student's test booklet on the table in the back and test terms handout.

Test Scores are on the front page

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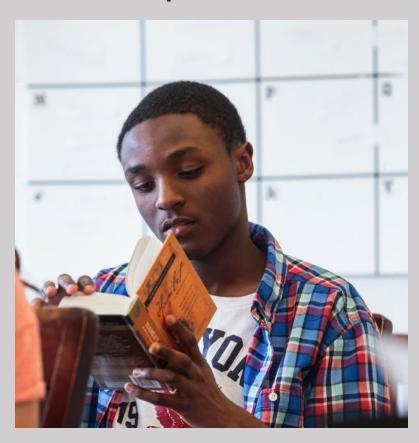
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Get to Know the PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 8/9®



• The PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 8/9 are highly relevant to future success because it focuses on the skills and knowledge at the heart of education.

It measures:

- What is learned in high school
- What is needed to succeed in college
- The PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 8/9 measures reading, writing and language, and math skills developed over many years.
- The PSAT/NMSQT and does not ask for facts from literature, history, or science, or for recall of PSAT 8/9 math formulas, because it measures your reasoning and critical thinking skills.
- Don't have to discover secret tricks or cram the night before.
- There is no penalty for guessing.
- The test length is 2 hours, 45 minutes.

What Are the Benefits of Taking the PSAT/NMSQT®?



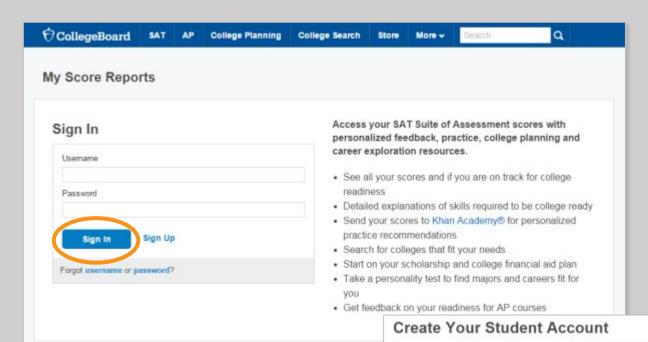
- Prepare for the SAT®
- Get free, personalized Official SAT [®] Practice on Khan Academy[®]
- Start getting ready for college with college and career planning tools
- Enter the National Merit[®] Scholarship Program
 - (Juniors and US Citizens Only)
- See AP® Potential
- Get admission and financial aid information from colleges

How Do I Access My PSAT/NMSQT & PSAT 8/9® Scores and Reports?

- Review your online reports, student should have received an email from College Board [®].
- Make sure to check spam
- → Access code on label on test booklet



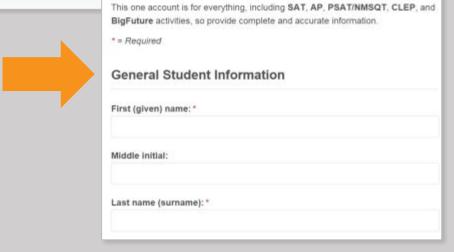
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Log in to an existing College Board ® account or create a new one at

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If you did not receive email, create an account and use access code on label.

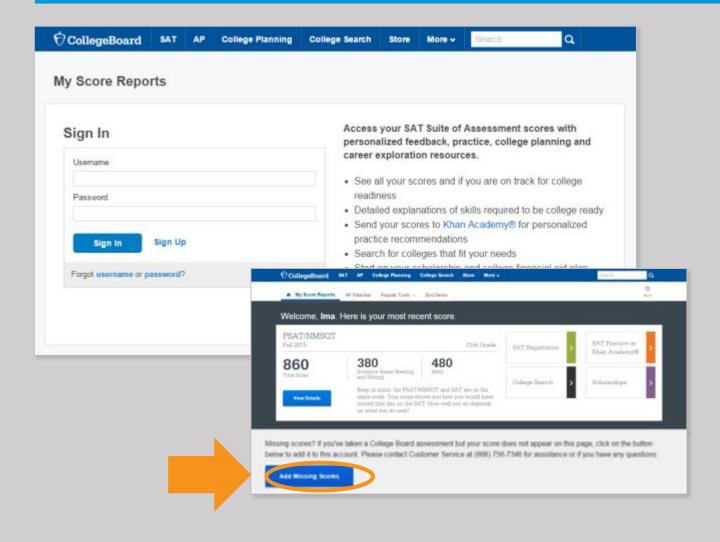


How Do I Access My Online PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 8/9® Scores and Reports? (cont.)

- Log in to your account.
- Select PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 8/9 [®] Scores.

OR

3. Use "Missing Scores" to locate scores, can enter access code off of front of test booklet on label.



Still Having Issues?

- Students' email addresses must match their registration information for scores to be loaded in the account.
- Students can call College Board [®] Customer Service if they are having difficulty seeing their scores (Phone: 866-433-7728 or Email: psathelp@info.collegeboard.org)
- Students should continue to use the same email for College Board [®] throughout high school.
- College Board[®] would like for all scores, PSAT, SAT, SAT Subject Tests, and AP scores to be in one portal.



What Are My Scores?

Inside Test Booklet are Labels with Access Code and Scores

Access Code used to locate missing scores in the portal

Test takers who meet or exceed the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW) and/or Math (MSS) benchmark have a 75% chance of earning at least a C or better in a first-semester, credit-bearing course in history, literature, social science, or writing.

Students who take a PSAT-related assessment and meet the ERW and/or MSS benchmark for their grade are on track to meet the SAT ERW and MSS benchmark.

If there is an asterisk after the NMS Index number, the student is not eligible for the competition during this test administration.

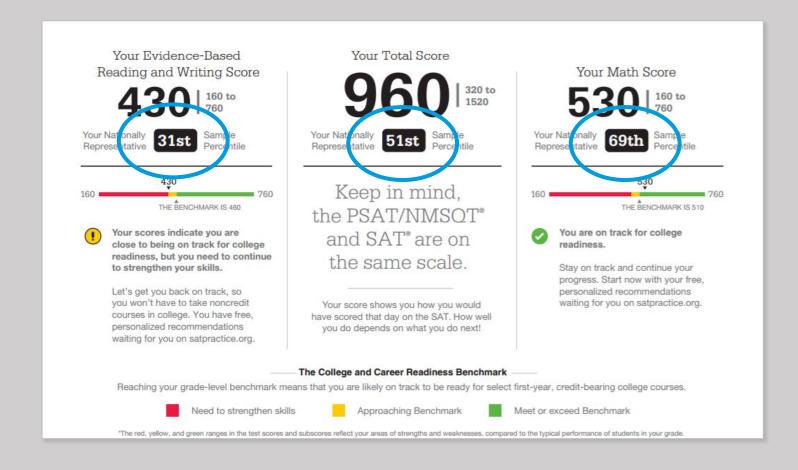
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Please refer to the handout for abbreviations and terms on the label. Or visit the portal for even more detailed information regarding your test scores.



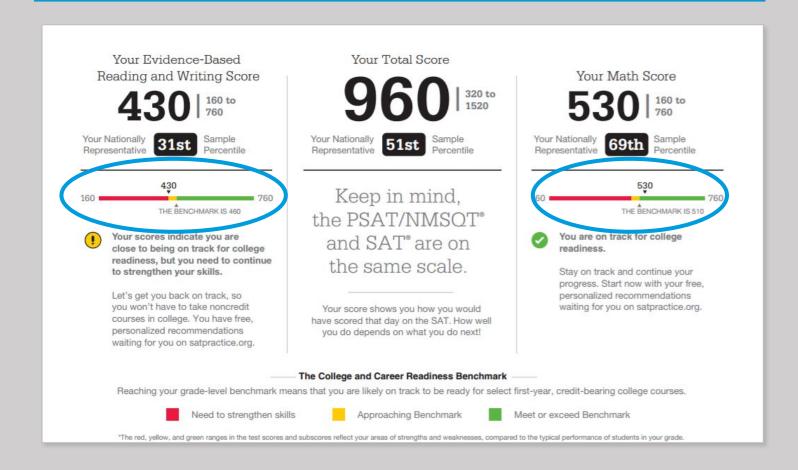
What Are My Score Percentiles?

Percentiles and benchmarks are provided for 9th, 10th, and 11th grades on the PSAT_®.



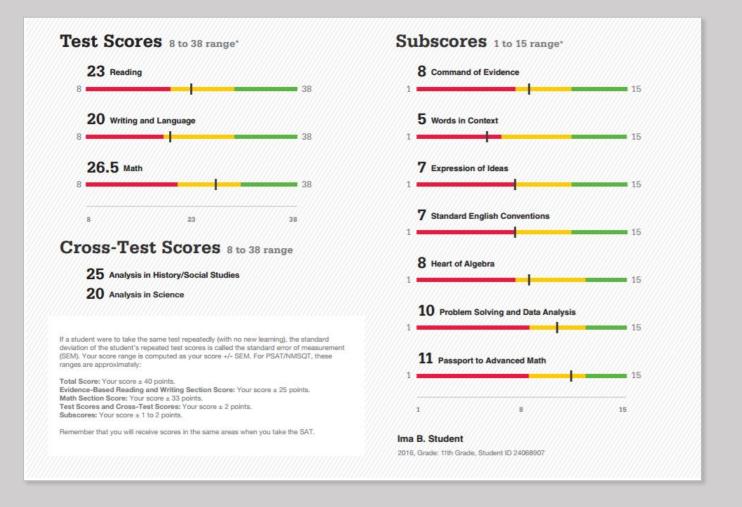
What is My Benchmark?

Percentiles and benchmarks are provided for 9th, 10th, and 11th grades on the PSAT.



What Are My Scores? (cont.)

Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores give students insightful information about their strengths and areas for improvement.
Will also be able to see which questions were correct in the portal.



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

Your Scores: Next Steps

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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:

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 Reading Test

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Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:

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

Writing and Language Test

- I Draw reasonable conclusions from somewhat challenging texts
- I Describe the overall structure of a somewhat challenging text
- I Identify claims and counterclaims explicitly stated in a somewhat challenging passage



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

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)

- I 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



- I 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

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What Is the National Merit® Scholarship Program?

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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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Eligibility Information

If your Selection Index places you among the 50,000 high scorers who qualify for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition, you will be notified next September.

Entry Requirements

(Information you provided on your answer sheet)

High school student:

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Years to be spent in grades 9-12:

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AP and Course Work See which AP courses may be good matches for you.



Register for the SAT Select an SAT test date and register for it now.

Ima B. Student 3016, Grade 119 Grad

Benchmarks: JPII & National Mean Scores

The College and Career Readiness Benchmarks for the current PSAT predict a 75% likelihood of achieving a C or higher in related first-semester, credit-bearing college courses. The benchmarks are set at the section level, so there is a benchmark for **Evidence-Based Reading and Writing** and a benchmark for Math. Score reports for the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 include grade-level benchmarks based on how students grow from year to year toward the SAT benchmarks.

PSAT 8/9 Fall 2021, 9th Grade (87 Students)	PSAT Benchmarks	JPII Mean Score	National Mean Score
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing (760)	410	483	426
Math (760)	450	446	424
Composite(1520)	860	930	850

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PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2021, 10th Grade (83 Students)	PSAT Benchmarks	JPII Mean Score	National Mean Score
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing (760)	430	537	457
Math (760)	480	482	452
Composite(1520)	910	1019	909

PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2021, 11th Grade (81 Students)	PSAT Benchmarks	JPII Mean Score	National Mean Score
Evidence-Based Reading & Writing(760)	460	530	501
Math (760)	510	508	486
Composite(1520)	970	1027	986

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What Are My Next Steps?

- Continue to take challenging courses in high school
- Check out AP

 Potential
- Link scores with Khan Academy®
- Set up a practice plan and stick to it
- Register for the ACT® or SAT®
- Utilize other resources to research and prepare for college

Which Test should I take?ACT or SAT?

Compare the ACT and SAT tests

- ACT includes a Science section
- SAT includes one math section on which you may not use a calculator

To Register for ACT ® /SAT ®

- www.act.org
- www.collegeboard.org
- JPII Code 011-483

	SAT	ACT
Why Take It	Colleges use SAT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.	Colleges use ACT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.
	Reading	English
Test Structure	Writing & Language	Math
	Math	Reading
		Science Reasoning
		Essay (Optional)
	3 hours	2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay)
Length		3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)
Reading	5 reading passages	4 reading passages
Science	None	1 science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge)
	Covers:	Covers:
Math Alg	Arithmetic	Arithmetic
	Algebra I & II	Algebra I & II
	Geometry, Trigonometry and Data Analysis	Geometry, Trigonometry, and Probability & Statistics
Calculator Policy	Some math questions don't allow you to use a calculator.	You can use a calculator on all math questions
Essays	None	Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues.
How It's Scored	Scored on a scale of 400-1600	Scored on a scale of 1-36

Registering for the ACT or SAT

www.act.org

www.collegeboard.org

- Create or sign-in to your College Board or ACT account.
- Student's full, legal name and other identifying information. Make sure it's the exact same name and information shown on the student's photo ID.
- Decide if the student wants to answer other questions about themself.
 This takes time, but it's worth it if the student wants colleges and scholarship organizations to find them.
- Decide whether to sign up for the ACT with Essay. See which colleges recommend or require it.
- Upload a photo that meets very specific photo requirements.
- Check out, and print an Admission Ticket.
- Make sure to have an admission ticket and photo id the day of the test.



Test Prep Companies

- Achievement Plus 2005 Gallatin St SW Suite A, Huntsville, AL 35801 256-539-8910
- NGENIUS 105 Brookridge Drive Madison, AL 35758 256-325-0441
- KAPLAN For more information 1-800-527-8378
- North Alabama Center of Educational Excellence 513 Sparkman Dr NW, Huntsville, AL 35816 256-372-4600
- Rocket City Learning Center 540 Hughes Road, #11 Madison, AL 35758 256-251-5447

Steps to link your College Board & Khan Academy Accounts

Step 1

- Log in to or create your
- Khan Academy account at satpractice.org

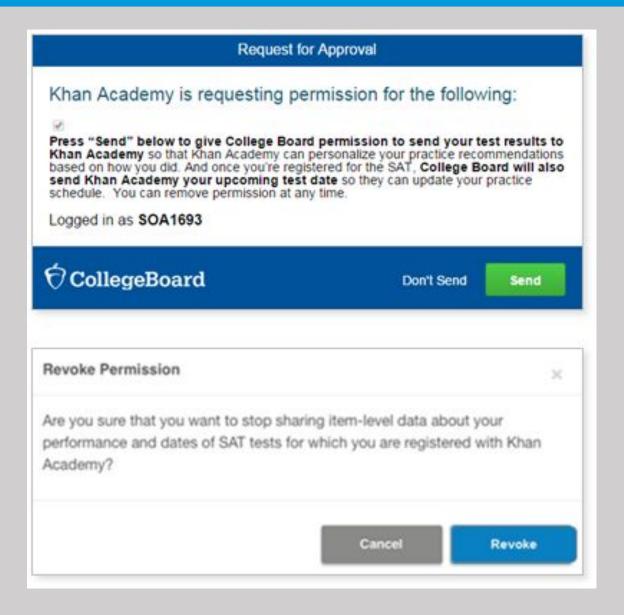
Step 2

 When prompted, agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board accounts

Step 3

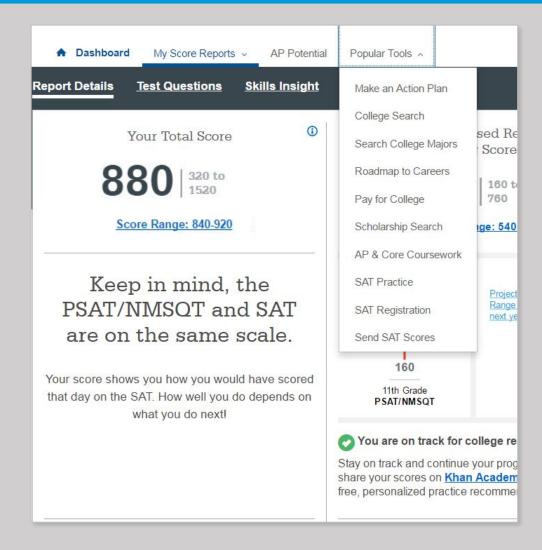
 Sign in or create your College Board Account and hit "Send" to send your scores

Sign up. Link up. Get practicing.



What Additional Resources Will Help Me Prepare for My Future?

- Naviance
- College Action Plan/College Search
- Scholarships/Financial Aid
- Career Tests & Roadmap to Careers
- Student Search Service[®]



Student Search Service®

Connects students with information about educational and financial aid opportunities.

- Participate voluntarily.
- Connect with more than 1,200 colleges, universities, scholarship programs, and educational organizations.
- Sign up when you take an assessment in the SAT Suite:
 - 1. Choose to participate in Student Search Service when registering for a College Board test (fill in the circle on the answer sheet).
 - 2. Provide information about yourself on your answer sheet.
 - Participating organizations can then search for groups of students who may be a good fit.
 - 4. FYI: The College Board never shares information on disabilities, parental education, self-reported parental income, Social Security numbers, phone numbers, or actual test scores through Student Search Service.

Fee Waivers & Extra Time on ACT ®/SAT®

- Please see Mrs. Cobb for fee waivers.
- Must have copies of testing from a psychologist or psychiatrist on file turned into the guidance counselor.
 - Assessments from psychologists must be current, within three years.
 - It is best to submit documentation early to allow the College Board and ACT to review and approve accommodations.

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AP Potential

- Research shows a strong relationship between PSAT/NMSQT and AP.
- PSAT/NMSQT scores are a significant predictor of students' AP Exam grades.

For students to be considered for JPII AP Classes, they must have the following requirements:

- Teacher recommendations
- Student interest in the subject matter
- History of courses completed
- Student grades 87 or higher
- Contributes to class discussion
- Have a higher level than average comprehension and understanding ability
- Have excellent writing skills
- Have excellent student skills
- Does not create distractions in class

Benefits of Taking AP Classes

Advanced Placement (AP) classes are a fantastic way to show academic rigor in your schedule and impress college admissions officers. AP classes offer more of a challenge than a general or core class, and often are considered difficult but rewarding by students who take them.

Benefits of Taking AP Classes

- Challenging for students eager to learn more
- Shows academic rigor to selective colleges
- Prepares students for college courses
- Earn potential college credit and save parents thousands of money
- Could lead to possible scholarships

Other AP Considerations:

- Additional charges for AP course than regular course (exam fee)
- With a challenge may come struggle
- Colleges will vary in acceptance of AP credit
- AP courses in the intended major, may have to be repeated in college
- AP classes are college-level courses, but not all college-level courses are taught the same. Sometimes skipping a level may not be the right choice for everyone.

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Thank You!

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If you have any additional

