

2015

PSAT/NMSQT®

WHAT'S INSIDE

Thank you for administering the 2015 PSAT/NMSQT® at your school. This package includes your students' score reports as well as other materials you can use to help them get the most from their results.

Your Students' Score Reports

One copy of each student's score report is enclosed for distribution to your students. Please note the location of the access code on the front cover of the score reports. Students can use their unique access codes to get their full reports online at studentscores.collegeboard.org.

Educator Summary

The Educator Summary Report provides benchmark and mean total score information for your sophomores and/or juniors. It also contains your access code for logging on to the AP Potential™ tool at apotential.collegeboard.org.

Visit k12reports.collegeboard.org for additional score reporting and analysis tools to inform instruction and track your students' progress.

A Parent Tutorial

Make copies of this flyer to distribute to parents and students to help them interpret their score reports. Visit psat.org/resources to download and copy a Spanish version.

Understanding 2015 PSAT/NMSQT Scores

Use this booklet to delve deeper into the meaning of your students' scores, including what the assessment measures, how it is scored, and how you can use the data to monitor your students' progress.

The booklet also provides:

- » The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) Selection Index chart and an explanation of how NMSC uses the Selection Index scores
- » Answer keys for the 2015 test
- » Percentile tables for total and section scores and information about projected SAT® scores
- » A Sample Score Report and Score Report Case Study to help you interpret students' score reports

What's Next Flyer

"What's Next for You and Your Students" clarifies steps you can take to help your students get the most from their PSAT/NMSQT results, from personalized practice for the SAT via Khan Academy® to insights into how to build their own readiness for college and career.

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
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WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS

Your students can link their College Board and Khan Academy[®] accounts to generate free, personalized online practice for the SAT[®], based on their PSAT/NMSQT[®] results. You can tap into the rich analysis and instructional planning offered on the K–12 score-reporting portal.

Next Steps for Students

Encourage students to:

- Visit studentscores.collegeboard.org to create a College Board account and get their full PSAT/NMSQT score report.
- Create a Khan Academy account at satpractice.org and link it to their College Board account to get free, personalized practice for the SAT.
- Explore their interests through the personalized MyRoad[™] tool and visit bigfuture.org to learn more about careers and majors — both available via their online PSAT/NMSQT score report.
- Register for the SAT in March (U.S. only), May, or June. Spring of junior year is the perfect time to take the SAT for the first time — students can take advantage of their PSAT/NMSQT experience, and they will still have time to practice, increase their skills, and test again if they want to improve their scores.

Next Steps for Educators

- Review the Instructional Planning and Question Analysis reports at k12reports.collegeboard.org to identify your students' strengths and weaknesses in each content area.
- Distribute paper score reports and help students interpret them. Direct students with questions about the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's Selection Index to visit www.nationalmerit.org.
- Use the AP Potential[™] tool to identify students who are likely to succeed in AP[®]. Use your school's AP Potential code, located on your school summary report, to access the tool at appotential.collegeboard.org.

Upcoming SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Mar 5	May 7	June 4
Registration Deadline	Feb 5	Apr 8	May 5

A PARENT TUTORIAL » UNDERSTANDING 2015 PSAT/NMSQT® RESULTS

A Case Study: Ima B. Student's PSAT/NMSQT® 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/NMSQT Score Report.

What Are Ima's Scores?

Ima's Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score is 380 and Math is 480. In Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Ima's score is approaching the benchmark (explained on the report), but she is not quite on track for college readiness. In Math, however, Ima is exceeding the benchmark and is on track. Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores can give Ima a better understanding of areas to work on.

What Are Her Score Percentiles?

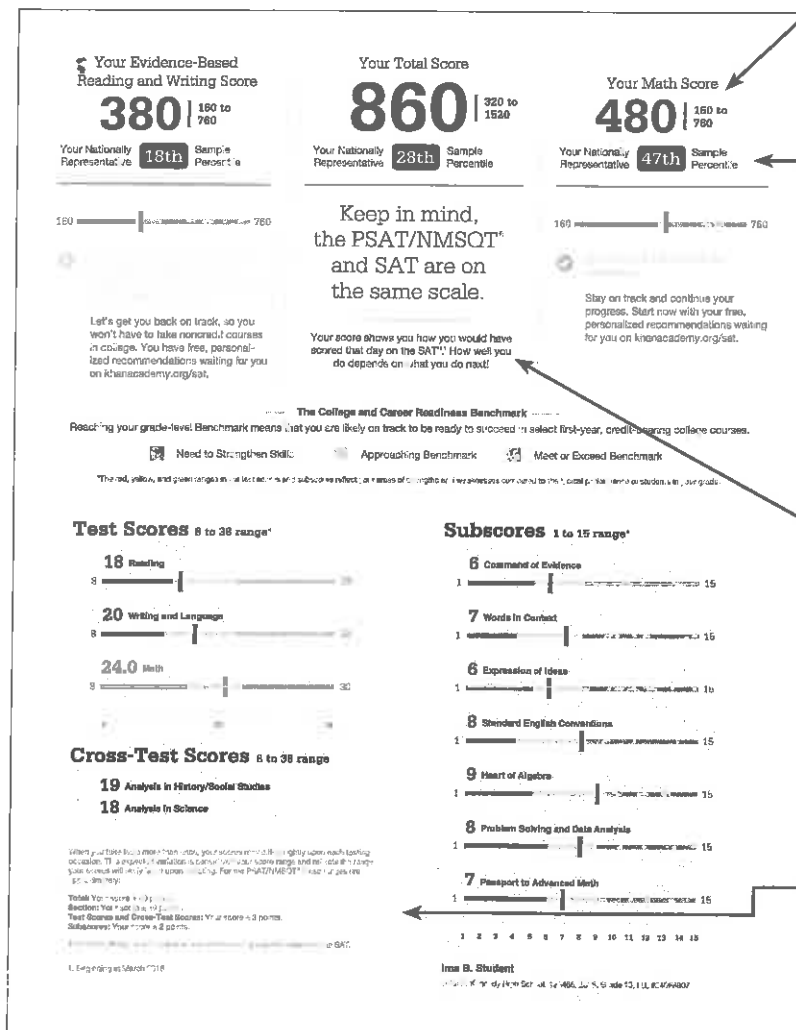
Since Ima is in the 10th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 10th-graders in the nation. Ima scored as well as or better in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing than 18 percent of a nationally representative group of sophomores. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 47 percent of a nationally representative group of sophomores. Additional percentiles are available in Ima's online score report.

How Will Ima Do on the SAT®?

The PSAT/NMSQT® and SAT are scored on a common scale; therefore if Ima had taken the SAT instead of the PSAT/NMSQT on the same test date, she would have received the same score. When Ima takes the SAT, she will likely have had additional learning from school and practice. Her PSAT/NMSQT 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.



Score Report

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

NMSC is a Merit Scholarship Corporation that provides the PSAT/NMSQT to help you prepare for the SAT. It also provides information on how to apply for the National Merit Scholarship Program. For more information, visit www.nationalmerit.org.

Your NMSC Selection Index
124*

NMSC uses the PSAT/NMSQT to select students for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Your score is based on your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

Eligibility Information
You must have a U.S. high school diploma or GED to be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Entry Requirements

• You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
• You must be a high school senior or a GED recipient.
• You must have a U.S. high school diploma or GED.
• You must have a minimum SAT score of 1000.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation
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Princeton, NJ 08542-0807

Your Scores: Next Steps

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:

- Read for detail, focus on details to analyze a text to support a claim or provide a new or different perspective.
- Analyze how an author builds an argument to persuade listeners about the merits of a position on a topic or issue.

Reading Test

18
8 to 22

Improve your skills by focusing on your ability to:

- Refer to specific information in a text to support a claim or analyze a complex issue or issue.
- Use a variety of specific structures to organize a text, such as comparing, contrasting, and classifying.
- Draw on what you know about general topics and issues to help you understand what you are reading.

Writing and Language Test

20
8 to 22

- Identify a central issue or claim and analyze how the author develops it through relevant data, examples, or research.
- Recognize and analyze relevant evidence that supports an author's line of reasoning and analysis.

Math Test

24.0
8 to 22

- Interpret a graph on a coordinate plane, including identifying the slope and y-intercept of a line, and the equation of a line.
- Recognize and analyze relevant evidence that supports an author's line of reasoning and analysis.
- Calculate and interpret the frequency of a distribution, including tabular and graphical representations.

Get more next steps online

studentscores.collegeboard.org

SAT Practice
Connect to FREE, world-class SAT practice on Khan Academy.

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 a new score.

Will Ima Be Able to Enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program?

Ima has an NMSC Selection Index of 124, which is double the sum of her Reading (18), Writing and Language (20), and Math (24) Test scores. This index is used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation to designate students to be recognized in its National Merit Scholarship Program. Since an asterisk appears next to Ima's score, it means she does not meet entry requirements for the program. However, even if Ima met entry requirements, her score is not likely to take her further in the competition for awards. For entry requirements and information on how the competition works, see the *2015 Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT* or visit www.nationalmerit.org.

How Can Ima Improve Her Academic Skills?

Your Scores: Next Steps are based on her test scores, and what general skills similarly performing students understand. Ima can see which skills she performed well on and which she needs to improve. When she goes online and logs in to the full report online, she can see additional skills and improvement steps. Ima can also link her account to Khan Academy® for personalized practice recommendations.

Your Question-Level Feedback

Writing and Language | Math Test – Calculator | Math Test – No Calculator

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Subscore Percentile	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Subscore Percentile	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Subscore Percentile
1	A	A	Easy	100	100	1	A	A	Easy	100	100	1	A	A	Easy	100	100
2	B	A	Medium	95	95	2	B	A	Medium	95	95	2	B	A	Medium	95	95
3	A	A	Easy	100	100	3	A	A	Easy	100	100	3	A	A	Easy	100	100
4	C	B	Medium	90	90	4	C	B	Medium	90	90	4	C	B	Medium	90	90
5	D	D	Easy	100	100	5	D	D	Easy	100	100	5	D	D	Easy	100	100
6	B	A	Medium	95	95	6	B	A	Medium	95	95	6	B	A	Medium	95	95
7	C	B	Medium	90	90	7	C	B	Medium	90	90	7	C	B	Medium	90	90
8	C	B	Medium	90	90	8	C	B	Medium	90	90	8	C	B	Medium	90	90
9	D	D	Easy	100	100	9	D	D	Easy	100	100	9	D	D	Easy	100	100
10	B	A	Medium	95	95	10	B	A	Medium	95	95	10	B	A	Medium	95	95
11	A	A	Easy	100	100	11	A	A	Easy	100	100	11	A	A	Easy	100	100
12	A	A	Easy	100	100	12	A	A	Easy	100	100	12	A	A	Easy	100	100
13	D	D	Easy	100	100	13	D	D	Easy	100	100	13	D	D	Easy	100	100
14	D	D	Easy	100	100	14	D	D	Easy	100	100	14	D	D	Easy	100	100
15	A	A	Easy	100	100	15	A	A	Easy	100	100	15	A	A	Easy	100	100
16	C	B	Medium	90	90	16	C	B	Medium	90	90	16	C	B	Medium	90	90
17	A	A	Easy	100	100	17	A	A	Easy	100	100	17	A	A	Easy	100	100
18	C	B	Medium	90	90	18	C	B	Medium	90	90	18	C	B	Medium	90	90
19	D	D	Easy	100	100	19	D	D	Easy	100	100	19	D	D	Easy	100	100
20	B	A	Medium	95	95	20	B	A	Medium	95	95	20	B	A	Medium	95	95
21	A	A	Easy	100	100	21	A	A	Easy	100	100	21	A	A	Easy	100	100
22	B	A	Medium	95	95	22	B	A	Medium	95	95	22	B	A	Medium	95	95
23	A	A	Easy	100	100	23	A	A	Easy	100	100	23	A	A	Easy	100	100
24	A	A	Easy	100	100	24	A	A	Easy	100	100	24	A	A	Easy	100	100
25	C	B	Medium	90	90	25	C	B	Medium	90	90	25	C	B	Medium	90	90
26	D	D	Easy	100	100	26	D	D	Easy	100	100	26	D	D	Easy	100	100
27	C	B	Medium	90	90	27	C	B	Medium	90	90	27	C	B	Medium	90	90
28	C	A	Medium	95	95	28	C	A	Medium	95	95	28	C	A	Medium	95	95
29	A	A	Easy	100	100	29	A	A	Easy	100	100	29	A	A	Easy	100	100
30	B	A	Medium	95	95	30	B	A	Medium	95	95	30	B	A	Medium	95	95
31	B	A	Medium	95	95	31	B	A	Medium	95	95	31	B	A	Medium	95	95
32	A	A	Easy	100	100	32	A	A	Easy	100	100	32	A	A	Easy	100	100
33	A	A	Easy	100	100	33	A	A	Easy	100	100	33	A	A	Easy	100	100
34	C	B	Medium	90	90	34	C	B	Medium	90	90	34	C	B	Medium	90	90
35	D	D	Easy	100	100	35	D	D	Easy	100	100	35	D	D	Easy	100	100
36	D	D	Easy	100	100	36	D	D	Easy	100	100	36	D	D	Easy	100	100
37	B	A	Medium	95	95	37	B	A	Medium	95	95	37	B	A	Medium	95	95
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40	B	A	Medium	95	95	40	B	A	Medium	95	95	40	B	A	Medium	95	95
41	D	D	Easy	100	100	41	D	D	Easy	100	100	41	D	D	Easy	100	100
42	D	D	Easy	100	100	42	D	D	Easy	100	100	42	D	D	Easy	100	100
43	A	A	Easy	100	100	43	A	A	Easy	100	100	43	A	A	Easy	100	100
44	A	A	Easy	100	100	44	A	A	Easy	100	100	44	A	A	Easy	100	100
45	D	D	Easy	100	100	45	D	D	Easy	100	100	45	D	D	Easy	100	100
46	D	D	Easy	100	100	46	D	D	Easy	100	100	46	D	D	Easy	100	100
47	D	D	Easy	100	100	47	D	D	Easy	100	100	47	D	D	Easy	100	100

Score Report

What Are the Next Steps for Ima?

Under *Get more next steps online*, Ima is directed to studentscores.collegeboard.org to learn how to prepare for the SAT and see her potential for challenging AP® course work.

When Should Ima Take the SAT?

As a sophomore, Ima should begin planning when she will take the SAT. Most students take the SAT for the first time in their junior year. By planning now, Ima can ensure she has adequate time to practice for the SAT. She can take advantage of practice resources by visiting studentscores.collegeboard.org.

How Can Ima Learn from Her Answers?

The score report is designed to be used with the student's PSAT/NMSQT test booklet. It lists all of Ima's answers and allows her to see the correct answer and difficulty level for each question. Ima can use her online score report to review the questions she answered incorrectly or omitted, and see detailed answer explanations explaining why her responses were correct or incorrect.

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