

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?

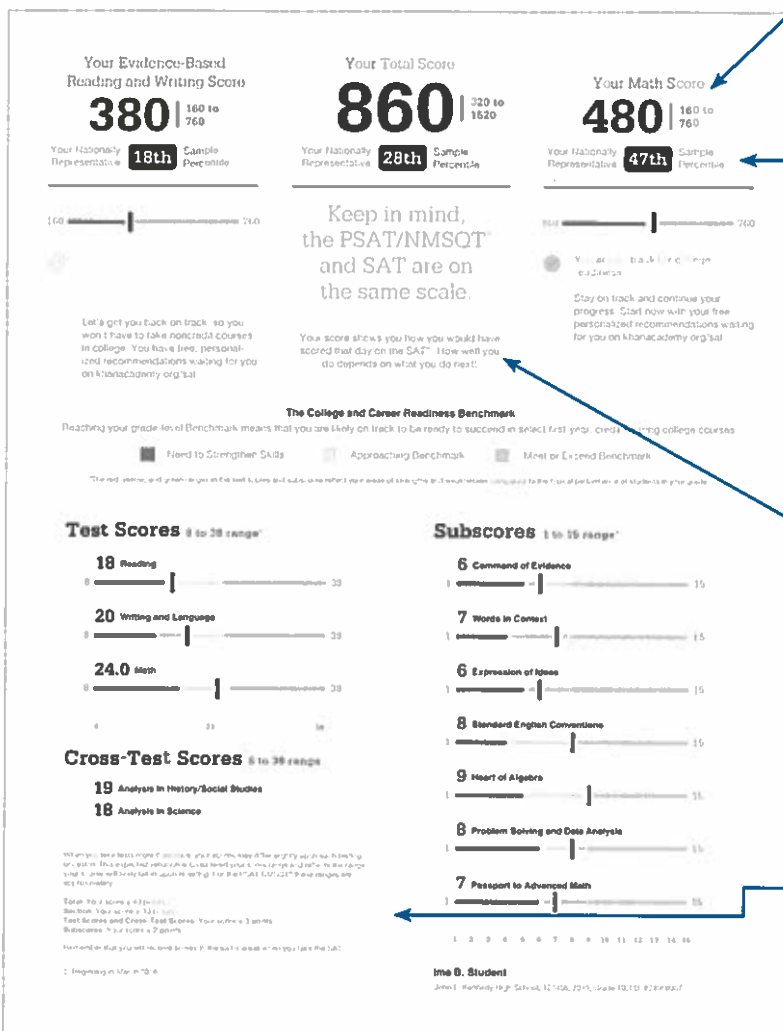
Since Ima is in the 10th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 10th-graders in the nation. Ima scored as well as or better in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing than 18 percent of a nationally representative group of sophomores. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 47 percent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

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) administers the National Merit Scholarship Program, an elite, merit-based competition for recognition and college preparation. To distinguish students who qualify for consideration in 2015, NMSC will recognize the 2015 PSAT/NMSQT. Score the scores of your 11th grade National Merit Scholarship Program, which is the sum of your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

If any of your responses to NMSC's "Early Participation" or "Early Selection" program are in doubt for the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program, you may wish to contact the NMSC at the following address:

National Merit Scholarship Corporation
 Attention: National Merit Scholarship Program
 2500 Broadway Avenue, Suite 800
 Princeton, NJ 08540-4007

Include your name and phone address along with your PSAT/NMSQT score, address, and a copy of your number.

Your NMSC Selection Index

124*

The NMSC Selection Index is based on PSAT/NMSQT scores on an index system of 1-38 for each of the four sections: Reading, Writing and Language, Math Test - Calculator, and Math Test - No Calculator.

Eligibility Information

The NMSC Selection Index does not meet entry requirements for the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. Each state has its own entry requirements for the program. For more information, please visit www.nmsc.org.

Entry Requirements

Minimum score for each section

High school student

YES

You must be a high school student and a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

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Your scores indicate that you are already fairly able to:

1. Find text as needed to improve the accuracy or content of a passage or to answer a question on a challenging text.

2. Read or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in a text on a challenging text.

3. Read a somewhat challenging text to ensure that information is presented in the most logical order.

Reading Test

18

8 to 28

Improve your skills by focusing on your ability to:

1. Find or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in a challenging text.

2. Use a variety of evidence from a text to support a claim, analyze a text, or persuade an audience.

3. Read text as needed to ensure that information is presented in the most logical order.

Writing and Language Test

20

8 to 28

1. Draw reasonable conclusions from a text on a challenging text.

2. Describe the overall structure of a text on a challenging text.

3. Identify claims and counterclaims explicitly stated in a text on a challenging text.

1. Draw reasonable inferences and logic of a text from a challenging text.

2. Analyze information presented quantitatively in such forms as graphs, tables, and charts and make the information relevant to a text on a challenging text.

3. Determine how the selection of specific words shapes meaning and tone in a challenging passage.

Math Test

24.0

8 to 38

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

2. Interpret sample statistics' center and spread and using appropriate statistical methods.

3. Solve and interpret a quadratic function or equation that represents a context and interpret its key features.

4. Calculate and interpret linearly decreasing data using tables and your graphical methods.

1. Determine how a graph may be affected by a change to its equation.

2. Estimate the slope of a constant or coefficient in an equation on a graph.

3. Using a specified model, make a prediction and compare the predicted value with the actual values in the data set.

4. Write a context, compare the center of two separate data sets with different measures.

5. Determine whether two events are independent given two probabilities.

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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.

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.

Your Question-Level Feedback

Writing and Language Math Test - Calculator Math Test - No Calculator

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Correct Test Score	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Correct Test Score	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Correct Test Score
1	A	A	1	1	1	1	A	A	1	1	1	1	A	A	1	1	1
2	B	A	2	2	2	2	B	A	2	2	2	2	B	A	2	2	2
3	A	A	3	3	3	3	A	A	3	3	3	3	A	A	3	3	3
4	C	A	4	4	4	4	C	A	4	4	4	4	C	A	4	4	4
5	D	A	5	5	5	5	D	A	5	5	5	5	D	A	5	5	5
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7	C	A	7	7	7	7	C	A	7	7	7	7	C	A	7	7	7
8	C	A	8	8	8	8	C	A	8	8	8	8	C	A	8	8	8
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46	C	A	46	46	46	46	C	A	46	46	46	46	C	A	46	46	46
47	D	A	47	47	47	47	D	A	47	47	47	47	D	A	47	47	47

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