

A PARENT TUTORIAL

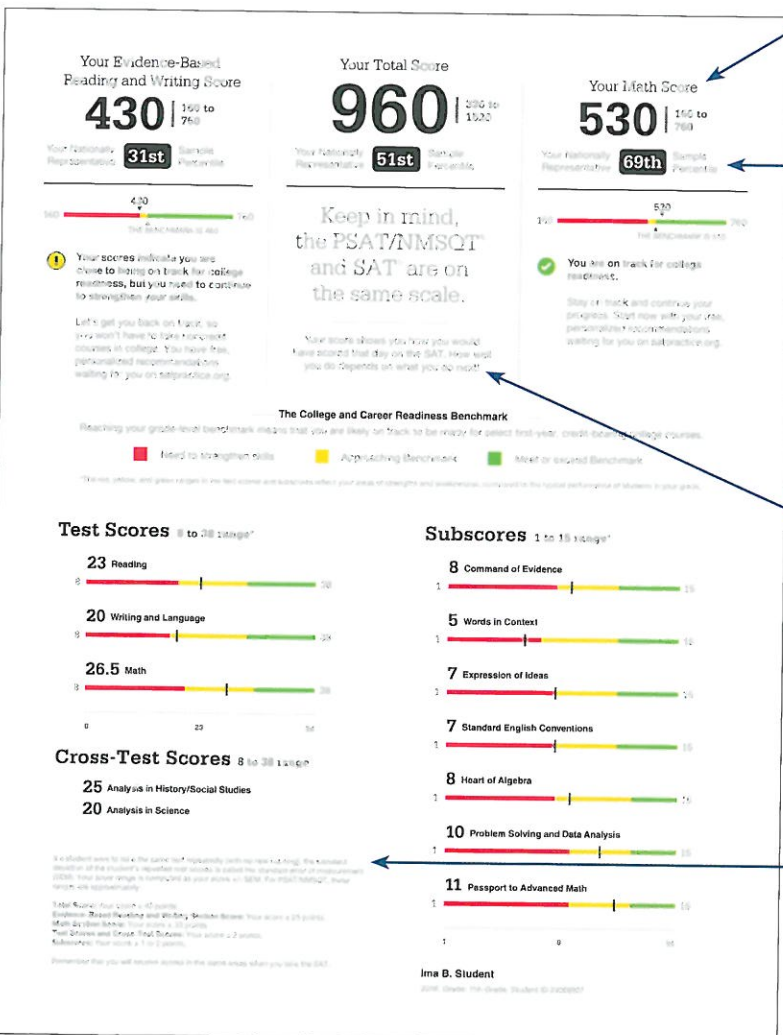
Understanding 2016 PSAT/NMSQT® Results

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 back. Use the 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 430 and Math is 530. 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 11th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 11th graders in the nation. Ima scored as well as or better in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing than 31% of a nationally representative group of juniors. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 69% of a nationally representative group of juniors. 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.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

Year NMSC Selection Index: **139**

Entry Requirements

Your Scores: Next Steps

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

Your score indicates that you are already strong at:

- Class responsible conclusions from assumed challenging facts.
- Describe the overall structure of a broad-based challenging text.
- Specify claims and counterclaims explicitly stated in a complex challenging passage.

Reading Test: 23

Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:

- Draw responsible inferences and logical conclusions from challenging text.
- Analyze information presented in paragraphs to learn how it supports claims, topics, and events and make those connections to information presented in associated challenging text.
- Determine how the repetition of specific words shapes meaning and forms a challenging passage.

Writing and Language Test: 20

Focus on additional information or detail to a section of text to support claims or points in a challenging text.

- Sign a variety of sentence structures to accomplish rhetorical purposes such as persuading, explaining, analyzing, and comparing.

Math Test: 26.5

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

- Interpret the value of a constant or coefficient in an equation with its solution or ordinary form, including:
- Using a specific model, make a prediction and compare the predicted values with the actual values in the given set.
- Given a model, identify the center of two separate data sets with different spreads.
- Determine whether two events are independent given their probabilities.

Get more next steps online at studentscores.collegeboard.org

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Ima B. Student

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

Ima has an NMSC Selection Index of 139, which is double the sum of her Reading (23), Writing and Language (20), and Math (26.5) Test scores. This index is used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation to designate students to be recognized in its National Merit Scholarship Program.

If an asterisk had appeared next to Ima's score, it would mean she does not meet entry requirements for the program. In this case, Ima meets entry requirements, but 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 *2016 PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide* 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 junior, 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?

Using her score report with her PSAT/NMSQT test booklet, Ima can see the actual questions, correct answers, and difficulty level alongside her own answers. She can use her online score report to review the questions she answered incorrectly or omitted, and to see detailed answer explanations.

Your Question-Level Feedback

Question #	Answer	Correct	Incorrect	Unanswered	Score
1	A	✓			100%
2	B	✓			100%
3	B	✓			100%
4	B	✓			100%
5	D	✓			100%
6	D	✓			100%
7	B	✓			100%
8	A	✓			100%
9	D	✓			100%
10	A	✓			100%
11	C	✓			100%
12	D	✓			100%
13	A	✓			100%
14	C	✓			100%
15	D	✓			100%
16	B	✓			100%
17	B	✓			100%
18	A	✓			100%
19	A	✓			100%
20	C	✓			100%
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40	C	✓			100%
41	B	✓			100%
42	C	✓			100%
43	A	✓			100%
44	A	✓			100%
45	A	✓			100%
46	A	✓			100%
47	C	✓			100%

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See the questions, and the answer explanations, online at studentscores.collegeboard.org

Subscore Key

- CRF Critical Reading
- WC Writing and Language
- EDL Evidence-Based Reading and Language
- HQA History of America
- PSD Physical, Biological, and Earth Sciences
- PAM Passport to Advanced Math

Cross-Test Score

- HSS History and Social Studies
- SCI Biology in Science

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