



PSAT/NMSQT® Parent Night

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Agenda

- + New Assessment Design
- + Skills Tested
- + Score Report & Online Tools
- + AP Potential
- + Q & A



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Assessment Design

- + Aligned with curriculum standards
- + Emphasis on skills needed for success in college
 - Critical thinking
 - Clear writing
 - Problem solving
 - Vocabulary in context
- + No penalty for wrong answers
- + Standard scale

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Skills Tested on the New PSAT/NMSQT

- 📖 Reading Test
- ✍️ Writing and Language Test
- 📐 Math Test

- » Each test assesses the academic skills developed over the years, primarily through course work.
- » These skills are considered essential for success in high school and college and career.

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📖 Reading Test

- » 5 Passages
- » 47 Passage-Based Questions; 60 minutes

QUICK FACTS

- › All questions are multiple choice and based on passages.
- › Some passages are paired with other passages or informational graphics such as charts, graphs, and tables.
- › No mathematical computation is required.
- › Prior topic-specific knowledge is never tested.

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Writing and Language Test

- » 4 Passages
- » 44 Passage-Based Questions; 35 minutes

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Math Test

- » 2 Test Sections
- » 48 Questions
(40 multiple choice, 8 grid-ins, 2 sections, 70 minutes)

QUICK FACTS

- » Most math questions are multiple choice, but some will be student-produced responses (grid-ins).
- » The MathTest is divided into two portions: MathTest – Calculator and MathTest – No Calculator.
- » Some parts of the test will present students with a scenario and then ask several questions about it.

How Does the New PSAT/NMSQT Connect to the New SAT?

Content and Domain Alignment: Scoring:

All tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments (SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9) are aligned to the same research backbone and focus on the same domain of knowledge and skills.

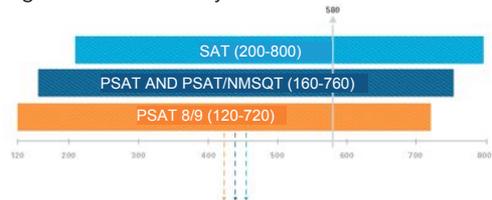
All tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments are on a common score scale that provides consistent feedback, enabling teachers to adjust instruction to better support students who are ahead or behind.



Grade-level benchmarks will indicate if students are making "on target" progress toward the SAT benchmark

How Does the New PSAT/NMSQT® Connect to the New SAT™?

That means the score you get on the PSAT/NMSQT is the same score you would have gotten on the SAT if you had taken it on the same



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How Does the New PSAT/NMSQT® Compare to the New SAT™?

PSAT/NMSQT

2 hours 45 minutes

X

160 – 760

SAT

3 hours 50 minutes

Optional

200 – 800



Essay



Section Score Range



Time

Score Report and Online Tools

Take control of your learning by working on the skills you struggle with at your own pace with these online courses.

22% mastered

Algebra

Learn More

33% mastered

Support your skills with over 100,000 interactive questions

Understanding the Paper Score Report

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PSAT/NMSQT®

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

Your Score Report

Student Scores

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score

380

180 to 760

Your National Percentile Representation: **18th**

Your Total Score

860

320 to 1520

Your National Percentile Representation: **28th**

Your Math Score

480

160 to 760

Your National Percentile Representation: **47th**

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!

1 Your scores indicate you are close to being on track for college readiness, but you need to continue to strengthen your skills.

Let's get you back on track, so you won't have to take noncredit courses in college. You have free, personalized recommendations waiting for you on KhanAcademy.org!

2 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!

Student Scores (cont.)

Test Scores 8 to 38 range*

18 Reading

20 Writing and Language

24.0 Math

Subscores 1 to 15 range*

6 Command of Evidence

7 Words in Context

6 Expression of Ideas

8 Standard English Conventions

9 Heart of Algebra

8 Problem Solving and Data Analysis

7 Passport to Advanced Math

Cross-Test Scores 0 to 38 range*

19 Analysis in History/Social Studies

18 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 approximate.

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

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John F. Kennedy High School, Columbia, SC, 2014-2015, Grade 11, US, 60000007

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National Merit® Scholarship Program

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Entry Requirements

High school graduate

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Year to complete high school and enroll full-time in college

2008

Years to be spent in grades 11-12

4

Eligibility Information

The program is open to U.S. high school seniors who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents (or have applied for permanent residence, or applied for it and have been denied) and intend to enroll in a U.S. college at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.

Score Next Steps

18

20

24.0

Get more next steps online

PSAT/NMSQT

AP and College Board

Register for the SAT

Strengths and Areas of Improvement

Your Scores: Next Steps

Reading Test: 18
 Improve your skills by focusing on:
 • Relate or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or justify a challenging text.
 • Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purpose such as persuading an audience.

Writing and Language Test: 20
 Draw reasonable inferences and logical conclusions from challenging texts.
 Analyze information presented quantitatively in such forms as graphs, tables, and charts and make that information to inform or persuade in a challenging text.
 Determine how the selection of specific words shapes meaning and tone in a challenging passage.

Math Test: 24.0
 Determine how a graph may be affected by a change to its equation.
 Using a specified model, make a prediction and compare the predicted result with the actual value 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.

Online PSAT/NMSQT® Scores and Reports

Use an existing College Board account or create a new one at studentscores.collegeboard.org

My Score Reports

Sign In

Access your SAT Suite of Assessment scores with personalized feedback, practice, college planning and career exploration resources.

Create Your Student Account

This one account is for everything, including SAT, AP, PSAT/NMSQT, CLEP, and BigFuture activities, to provide complete and accurate information.

General Student Information

First (given) name: *

Middle initial:

Last name (surname): *

Use the same email account to register for future assessments.

Online PSAT/NMSQT® Scores and Reports

1. Log in to Your Account

2. Select PSAT/NMSQT Scores

Or

3. Use "Missing Scores" to locate scores

Detailed Scores

Score Report for PSAT/NMSQT, Fall 2015

Your Total Score: **860** (Score Range: 800-900)

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score: **380** (Score Range: 350-410)

Your Math Score: **480** (Score Range: 450-510)

Keep in mind, the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT are on the same scale.

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29% Nationally Representative Sample Percentile

16% Nationally Representative Sample Percentile

49% Nationally Representative Sample Percentile

Projected SAT® Performance

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score: 380 (Score Range: 350-410)

Your Math Score: 480 (Score Range: 450-510)

Projected Scores for next year:
 Reading and Writing: 390 (Score Range: 360-420)
 Math: 500 (Score Range: 470-530)

Color Key | Score Range: 20-39

- Need to strengthen skills
- Approaching Benchmark
- Meets or exceeds Benchmark

College Readiness Benchmarks

- + For section scores
 - **Need to Strengthen Skills** = below grade-level benchmark by more than one year
 - **Approaching Benchmark** = below grade-level benchmark by one year or less
 - **Meets or exceeds Benchmark** = at or above grade-level benchmark
- + For test scores and subscores,
 - Reflect areas of strengths and weaknesses compared to the typical performance of students

Reading

Your Score: **35**

Color Key | Score Range: 20-39

40 35 30 25 20 15 10 5

Total Questions | Correct | Incorrect | Omitted | New!

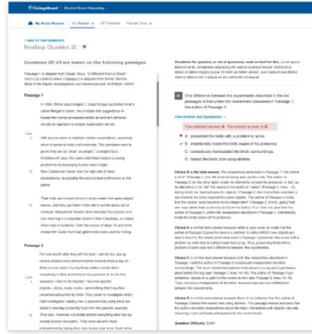
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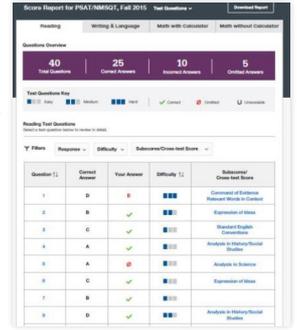
Review Answers

- + Look at the online score report
 - Identify the questions I answered incorrectly
 - Find the correct answer and read the answer explanation
 - Explain why the error was made
 - Ask questions about answer explanations that are not clear



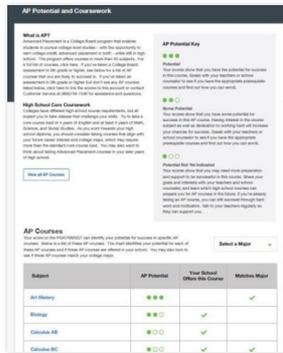
Review Answers (cont.)

- + Look at the types of questions I answered incorrectly and skipped:
 - Identify the level of difficulty. How many questions did I miss at each level?
 - Was I more likely to skip questions associated with any subscore or cross-test score?
 - What inferences can I make about areas for improvement based on the types of questions I missed and skipped?



AP Potential™

- + AP Potential™ uses scores from the PSAT/NMSQT to provide predictions for 21 AP Exams.



Official SAT Practice with Khan Academy®

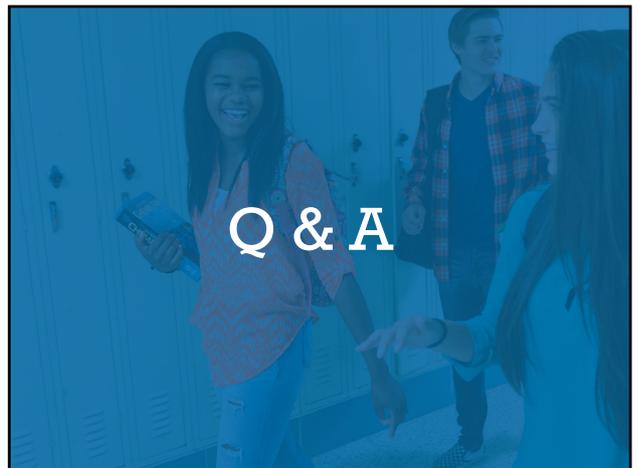
- + Sign up for Official SAT Practice for free
 - satpractice.org
- + Complete practice problems and diagnostic quizzes
- + Link your College Board and Khan Academy accounts.
 - All SAT Suite results will be sent to further customize practice on Khan Academy using actual results.



Next Steps



- + Encourage students to take challenging courses in high school
- + Link scores with Khan Academy
- + Set up a practice plan and stick to it
- + Use Naviance for additional tools and information



Q & A