

# College Board PSAT

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Understanding Scores 2016

# What is the SAT and what does it measure?

A suite of assessments measuring the knowledge, skills, and understandings that are essential for success in college and career.

PSAT 8/9 (grades 8 and 9)

PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 (grades 10 and 11\*) - used for practice only

SAT (grades 11 and 12) - used for college admission

-Reading test

-Writing/Language test

-Math test

# How is the PSAT/NMSQT scored?

Raw scores = # of questions answered correctly

Reading test + Writing/Language test = Evidenced Based Reading and Writing Score

Math test w/calculator + Math test w/o calculator = Math Score

-no penalty for guessing

-no deductions for incorrect answers or unanswered questions

# PSAT/NMSQT Total Scores

Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing Section Score (160-760)

+

Math Section Score (160-760)

=

Total Score (320-1520)

# How can PSAT/NMSQT scores be used to project SAT scores?

-range of scores reports each assessment reflecting grade-level appropriateness

PSAT score of 500 on Math section = SAT score of 500 on Math section

# What are the college and career readiness benchmarks?

-grade level benchmarks are used to gauge if students are becoming college ready each year from grades 8-12

-predict a 75% likelihood of achieving at least a C in a set of first-year, credit-bearing college courses

Need to Strengthen Skills

Approaching Benchmark

Meet/Exceed Benchmark

# National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)--JUNIORS ONLY

Selection Index Range (48-228)

-double the sum of the Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores

Ex. Reading score of 18, a Writing and Language score of 20, and Math score of 24  
would result in a Selection Index of 124

$$\{2(18+20+24)\}$$

# Steps in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program

1,600,000 high school students

*50,000 National Merit Program Participants*

34,000 Commended Students (end of competition)

16,000 Semifinalists (highest-scoring students in each state,  
receive National Merit Scholarship application)

15,000 Finalists (Certificates of Merit)

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*8,700 Scholarship Winners*

1,200 Special Scholarship (corporate sponsors)

**7,500 Merit Scholarship Winners**



# How can I use the student score report?

-score reports are used to summarize the student's current achievement levels and to help guide and encourage appropriate next steps to increase college and career readiness

# Next Steps?

- Use grade-level benchmarks (**Red-Yellow-Green**) to determine college readiness
- If the student is right on track, encourage him/her to continue taking rigorous classes and work hard to stay on track
- If the student is not meeting benchmarks, focus on areas of weakness with Khan Academy to supplement classroom assignments

# Juniors:

→remember SAT scores are submitted to most colleges for admission during your senior year. If you are pleased with your scores, GREAT! If not, register to take the SAT again.

# Sophomores:

- You have more time to practice and prepare for future assessments (PSAT).
- Make sure to align your school courses with rigorous curriculum
- Utilize the resources offered through Khan Academy
- Register to take the SAT no later than the second semester of your junior year

# SAT Future Dates

March 11\*

May 6\*

June 3

# College Board/SAT Resources-

## Your link to all things SAT/ AP/PSAT!

Where to register for the SAT:

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

How to prepare for the SAT and get full score report:

[www.studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://www.studentscores.collegeboard.org)

Create a Khan Academy account:

[www.satpractice.org](http://www.satpractice.org)

National Merit Scholarship Program:

[www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org)

**Congratulations**

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