Using Your PSAT/NMSQT® Scores To Increase College Readiness
PSAT 10™ and PSAT/NMSQT Scores and Subscores

1 Total Score
320–1520 Scale

2 Section Scores
760–380 Scale

3 Test Scores
60–36 Scale

2 Cross-Test Scores
8–16 Scale

7 Subscores
1–15 Scale

Total Score
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
Math

Reading
Writing and Language
Math

Analysis in History/Social Studies
Analysis in Science

Command of Evidence
Words in Context

Expression of Ideas
Standard English Conventions

Heart of Algebra
Problem Solving and Data Analysis
Passport to Advanced Math
How Does the PSAT/NMSQT Connect To The SAT?

That means the scores students get on the PSAT/NMSQT is the same score they would have gotten on the SAT if they’d taken it on the same day.
How Do I Access My PSAT/NMSQT Scores And Reports?

1. Review your online reports
2. Review your paper score report
Understanding My Paper Score
What Are My Scores?

Scores for the assessments in the SAT Suite are vertically equated.
What Are My Scores? (cont.)

Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores give students insightful information about their strengths and weaknesses.
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

**Test scores and subscores**

Red, yellow, and green ranges reflect areas of strengths and weaknesses compared to the typical performance of students
SAT College and Career Readiness Benchmarks

- 75% likelihood of earning at least a C in a first-semester, credit-bearing college course in a related subject

- Set at section level

- Overall college and career readiness is defined as achieving both of the section-level benchmarks on a given assessment.

- Grade-level benchmarks are based on expected student growth toward the SAT Benchmarks:

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What Are My Score Percentiles?

Percentiles and benchmarks are provided for 10th and 11th grades on the PSATA/NMSQT.
What Is the National Merit Scholarship Program?
What Are My Areas of Strength?
What Skills Do I Need To Build?
How Do I Access My Online PSAT/NMSQT Scores and Reports?

Log in to an existing College Board account or create a new one at studentscores.collegeboard.org.
What Will I Learn About My Scores?

Welcome, Ima. Here is your most recent score.

PSAT/NMSQT
Fall 2015: 11th Grade

860 Total Score
380 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
480 Math

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.
What Do My Test Scores Tell Me?

Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores give students insightful information about their strengths and areas for improvement.
How Can I improve My Academic Skills?

Skills Insight informs you about what you are already likely able to do, and how you can improve your skills.
What Can I Learn From My Answers?

See the actual questions, answer choices, and the answer selected.

Look at the online score report and consider the following:

- Identify the questions 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.
What Can I Learn From My Answers?

- Check the level of difficulty of each question and the related sub-scores and cross-test scores.

- 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?
What Are My Next Steps?

- Continue to take challenging courses in high school
- Set up a practice plan and stick to it
- Register for the SAT
- Utilize other resources to research and prepare for college
- Link scores to Khan Academy
How Can I Practice with Khan Academy®?

Watch a video introducing Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy

• Thousands of practice questions and videos covering every SAT® concept
• Eight official, full-length SAT practice tests with more to come
• Personalized recommendations based on each student’s strengths and weaknesses
• Tailored practice schedule mapping out each students’ path to test day
• SAT tips and strategies, sharing information about each part of the test
Score Improvements with and Without Official SAT Practice

Average number of points gained from PSAT/NMSQT to SAT correlated to hours spent practicing on Khan Academy

- **No hours of Official SAT Practice**: 60 pts. increase
- **6–8 hours of Official SAT Practice**: 90 pts. increase
- **20–22 hours of Official SAT Practice**: 115 pts. increase

16,000 students saw gains of 200 points or more.

Based on 250,000 students from the Class of 2017
How To Link College Board and Khan Academy:

**Step 1:** Login or create a Khan Academy account.

**Step 2:** When prompted, agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board accounts. You will then be directed to collegeboard.org.

**Step 3:** Sign in or create a College Board Account.

**Step 4:** When prompted hit “send” to authorize the account linking.

**Step 5:** Practice for free!
How Do I Register For The SAT?

- SAT Registration link from the popular tools menu.

- sat.org/register
Roadmap To Careers: Not your average career planning tool.

- Career exploration aligned to what students are interested in.

- Free access for students who take any test in the SAT Suite of Assessments.

- Suggestions of careers and majors that align with students’ personal Interests, pus actionable steps for getting started in high school