Understanding your PSAT Results

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What should I know by the end of this presentation?

- How to find out how you scored

- How your results compare to other students in your grade in the U.S.

- A good estimate of how you may score on the SAT

- How likely you are to be on track to succeed in first year college courses

- If there are AP courses that you should think about taking

- Where to go for more free practice

What are the PSAT's?

- 4 year schools require entrance exams

- The SAT is one of two widely used entrance exams

- The PSAT is a practice SAT test

Why did Penn Manor give all 9th, 10th, 11th graders the PSAT?

- **To keep your post HS options open**
- **To make sure you know what will be expected on the SAT**
- **To help you identify areas you need to work on over the next few years**

Accessing scores online

CollegeBoard / NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

PSAT/NMSQT®

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

Your Score Report

Get your full report online
studentscores.collegeboard.org

access code **A02670146P**

Taking a closer look at your scores

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score

380 | 160 to 760

Your Nationally Representative | **18th** | Sample Percentile

160 ▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬ 760

⚠ **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/sat

Your Total Score

860 | 320 to 1520

Your Nationally Representative | **28th** | Sample Percentile

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®.¹ How well you do depends on what you do next!

Your Math Score

480 | 160 to 760

Your Nationally Representative | **47th** | Sample Percentile

160 ▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬▬ 760

✓ **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/sat

The College and Career Readiness Benchmark

Reaching your grade-level Benchmark means that you are likely on track to be ready to succeed in select first-year, credit-bearing college courses

🟥 Need to strengthen skills   🟨 Approaching Benchmark   🟩 Meets or exceeds Benchmark

*The red, yellow, and green ranges in the test scores and subscores reflect your areas of strengths and weaknesses compared to the typical performance of students in your grade

Are you ready for college courses?

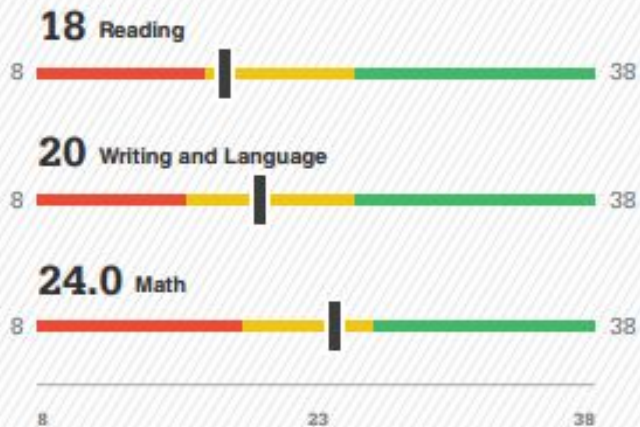|	Need to strengthen skills		Approaching Benchmark		Meets or exceeds Benchmark

- **Red:** You need to work on strengthening your skills in this area
- **Yellow:** You have **not quite** met your grade-level Benchmark
- **Green:** You met your grade level Benchmark and you are on track to be successful in your courses in your first year of college

A closer look at your scores

Test Scores 8 to 38 range*

18 Reading
8 — 38

20 Writing and Language
8 — 38

24.0 Math
8 — 38

8   23   38

Cross-Test Scores 8 to 38 range

19 Analysis in History/Social Studies

18 Analysis in Science

Subscores 1 to 15 range*

6 Command of Evidence
1 — 15

7 Words in Context
1 — 15

6 Expression of Ideas
1 — 15

8 Standard English Conventions
1 — 15

9 Heart of Algebra
1 — 15

8 Problem Solving and Data Analysis
1 — 15

7 Passport to Advanced Math
1 — 15

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

How do you compare?
Average Scores for a sample of schools

- **Penn State Main Campus: 1050-1200**
- **Elizabethtown: 1020-1240**
- **Millersville University: 950-1050**
- **Drexel: 1100-1300**
- **Temple: 1110-1230**
- **Messiah: 1050-1200**

- **U of Delaware: 1060-1280**
- **MIT: 1420-1570**
- **James Madison: 1180-1270**
- **Stanford: 1300-1500**
- **West Virgina Univ: 950-1100**
- **NYU: 1240-1450**

National Merit Scholarship

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) conducts the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and college scholarships. To designate students who qualify for recognition in its 2017 competition, NMSC will consider the 2015 PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores of some 1.5 million test-takers (usually high school juniors) who meet program entry requirements. For more information, please visit: www.nationalmerit.org.

If any of your responses to NMSC's "Entry Requirements" questions (see right-hand column) are inaccurate or there has been a change in plans that may affect program entry, write immediately to:

National Merit Scholarship Corporation
Attn: Scholarship Administration
1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200
Evanston, IL 60201-4897

Include your name and home address along with your high school name, address, and six-digit code number.

Your NMSC Selection Index
124*

NMSC uses a Selection Index based on PSAT/NMSQT scores as an initial screen of students who enter its scholarship programs. To calculate your Selection Index, double the sum of of your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

Eligibility Information

*The asterisk (*) next to your Selection Index means you do not meet entry requirements for the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. See your responses to entry requirements to the right.

NOTE: Students leaving high school and entering college in 2018 or later must take the PSAT/NMSQT again in their 3rd year (junior year) of grades 9–12 to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Entry Requirements
(Information you provided on your answer sheet)

High school student:

YES

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

2018

Years to be spent in grades 9–12:

4

U.S. Citizenship:

NO, but I am a U.S. lawful permanent resident (or have applied for permanent residence, the application for which has not been denied) and I intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.

The next steps

Your Scores: Next Steps

Reading Test

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:

Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts

Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of a text to support claims or points in somewhat challenging text

Revise somewhat challenging text to ensure that information is presented in the most logical order

18
8 to 38

Improve your skills by focusing on:

Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in challenging text

Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purpose such as persuading an audience

Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within challenging texts

Writing and Language Test

Draw reasonable conclusions from somewhat challenging texts

Describe the overall structure of a somewhat challenging text

Identify claims and counterclaims explicitly stated in a somewhat challenging passage

20
8 to 38

Draw reasonable inferences and logical conclusions from challenging texts

Analyze information presented quantitatively in such forms as graphs, tables, and charts and relate that information to information presented in somewhat challenging text

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

Math Test

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

Interpret sample statistics understanding and using margin of error

Solve and interpret a quadratic function or equation that represents a context and requires multiple steps

Calculate and interpret frequency distributions using tables and other representational methods

24.0
8 to 38

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

Determine the value of a constant or coefficient for an equation with no solution or infinitely many solutions

Using a specified model, make a prediction and compare the predicted values with the actual values 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

Your homework assignment

- **Be on the lookout for your scores in an email from the Collegeboard if you did not already get it!**
- **Log in and see how you compare and where you need to improve and make a plan to do it!**

more next steps online
studentscores.collegeboard.org

SAT Practice
Connect to FREE, world-class SAT practice online on khanacademy.org/sat

AP® and Course Work
See which AP courses may be a good match for you

Register for the SAT
Select an SAT test date and register for it now

In summary
(What you should know)

- Where to find and how to interpret scores
- How you scored compared to other students in your grade
- What areas you need to improve upon in order to be ready for college classes
- Where you can go next to start taking steps to prepare for college
- Where you can go to decide what AP classes you should consider taking during your high school career

GRADUATION PROJECT REVIEW

Go to the PMHS webpage and click on the Graduation Project link on right side

http://blogs.pennmanor.net/highschool/

Take a look at the Graduation Project Tasklist

Determine your starting point and make progress during HR time today!

Counselors will be around to check on you.