

# Understanding 2016-17 PSAT™ 8/9 Results

## A PARENT TUTORIAL

### A Case Study: Ima B. Student's PSAT™ 8/9 Score Report

Take a look at Ima B. Student's Sample Score Report below and on the next page. Use the corresponding information to help you interpret your student's PSAT 8/9 Score Report.

#### What Are Ima's Scores?

Ima's Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score is 460 and Math is 440. In Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Ima's score exceeds the benchmark, and she is on track for college readiness. In Math Ima is close to meeting the benchmark. Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores can give Ima a better understanding of areas to work on.

#### What Are Her Score Percentiles?

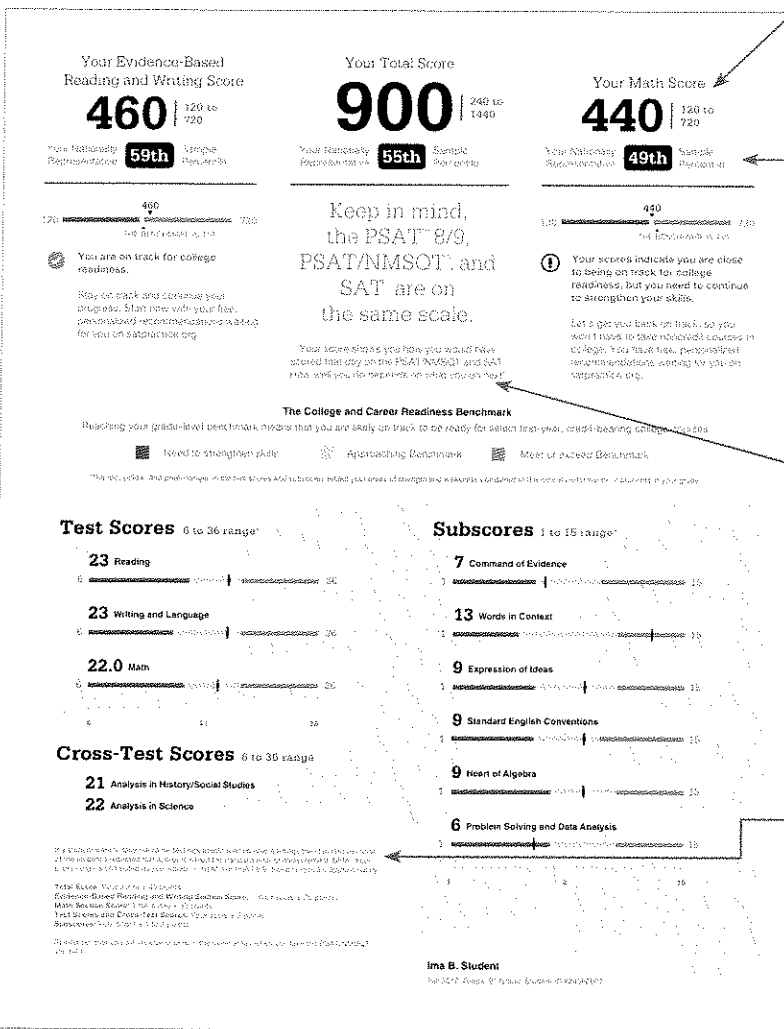
Since Ima is in the ninth grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all ninth graders in the nation. Ima scored as well or better than 59% of a nationally representative group of ninth-grade students in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. In Math, she scored as well or better than 49% of a nationally representative group of freshmen. Additional percentiles are available in Ima's online score report.

#### How Will Ima Do on the SAT?

The PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT®, and SAT® are scored on a common scale. Therefore, if Ima had taken the SAT instead of the PSAT 8/9 on the same test date, she would have received the same score. By the time Ima takes the SAT, she will likely have had additional learning from school and practice. Her PSAT 8/9 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.



### Your Scores: Next Steps

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

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:

- 1. Read and understand complex texts, such as those found in college textbooks.
- 2. Analyze and evaluate what the texts say about a subject or issue, including how different characters, events, or issues are developed and related to one another.
- 3. Analyze what different texts have to say about a subject or issue, even when the texts present opposing views and when you are asked to compare texts.

#### Reading Test

23  
8 to 26

Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:

- 1. Read and understand complex texts, such as those found in college textbooks.
- 2. Analyze and evaluate what the texts say about a subject or issue, including how different characters, events, or issues are developed and related to one another.
- 3. Analyze what different texts have to say about a subject or issue, even when the texts present opposing views and when you are asked to compare texts.

#### Writing and Language Test

23  
8 to 26

Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:

- 1. Read and understand complex texts, such as those found in college textbooks.
- 2. Analyze and evaluate what the texts say about a subject or issue, including how different characters, events, or issues are developed and related to one another.
- 3. Analyze what different texts have to say about a subject or issue, even when the texts present opposing views and when you are asked to compare texts.

#### Math Test

22.0  
8 to 26

Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:

- 1. Read and understand complex texts, such as those found in college textbooks.
- 2. Analyze and evaluate what the texts say about a subject or issue, including how different characters, events, or issues are developed and related to one another.
- 3. Analyze what different texts have to say about a subject or issue, even when the texts present opposing views and when you are asked to compare texts.

**Get more next steps online**  
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- Free Practice** Use Khan Academy's free practice resources to prepare for the SAT.
- Core Course Work** Use your course work to prepare for the SAT.
- Explore** Use your score report to explore your options for college.

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## How Can Ima Improve Her Academic Skills?

**Your Scores: Next Steps** are based on her test scores, and the general skills that similarly performing students understand. Ima can see which skills she performed well on and which she needs to improve. Ima can log in to the full report online to see additional skills and improvement steps. (Note that she must be at least 13 years old to do so.) Ima can also link her account to Khan Academy® for personalized practice recommendations.

## What Are Ima's Next Steps?

Under **Get more next steps online**, Ima is directed to [studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://studentscores.collegeboard.org) to learn how to prepare for the SAT with Khan Academy and use her results to create a challenging coursework plan in high school.

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## How Can Ima Measure Her Progress?

When she becomes a sophomore, Ima can take the PSAT/NMSQT or the PSAT™ 10 to measure the progress she's made since she took the PSAT 8/9. She can take advantage of practice resources by visiting [satpractice.org](http://satpractice.org).

## What Can We Learn from Ima's Answers?

The score report is designed to help students see how they performed by showing the skill areas covered (subscore and cross-test score), and whether the answer was correct, incorrect, or omitted. Students who test in the fall window will see answer-level details on their score reports. A full answer key will be available at [psat.org/89-resources](http://psat.org/89-resources) after the fall window ends.

### Your Question-Level Feedback

Question	Writing and Language	Math Test—Calculator	Math Test—No Calculator
1	A	1	1
2	A	2	2
3	A	3	3
4	C	4	4
5	B	5	5
6	A	6	6
7	D	7	7
8	C	8	8
9	D	9	9
10	C	10	10
11	C	11	11
12	C	12	12
13	A	13	13
14	A	14	14
15	C	15	15
16	B	16	16
17	A	17	17
18	A	18	18
19	C	19	19
20	D	20	20
21	C	21	21
22	C	22	22
23	D	23	23
24	C	24	24
25	D	25	25
26	A	26	26
27	C	27	27
28	A	28	28
29	A	29	29
30	A	30	30
31	C	31	31
32	C	32	32
33	A	33	33
34	B	34	34
35	A	35	35
36	A	36	36
37	B	37	37
38	C	38	38
39	D	39	39
40	D	40	40
41	D	41	41
42	A	42	42

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See the questions, and the answer explanations, online at [studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://studentscores.collegeboard.org)

Subscore: 23 (Writing and Language), 22.0 (Math Test—Calculator), 22.0 (Math Test—No Calculator)

Cross-Test Score: 22.0

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