

A PARENT TUTORIAL

Understanding 2016 PSAT/NMSQT® Results

A Case Study: Ima B. Student's PSAT/NMSQT® Score Report

Take a look at Ima B. Student's sample score report below and on the back. Use the information to help you interpret your student's PSAT/NMSQT® Score Report.

What Are Ima's Scores?

Ima's Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score is 430 and Math is 530. In Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Ima's score is approaching the benchmark (explained on the report), but she is not quite on track for college readiness. In Math, however, Ima is exceeding the benchmark and is on track. Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores can give Ima a better understanding of areas to work on.

What Are Her Score Percentiles?

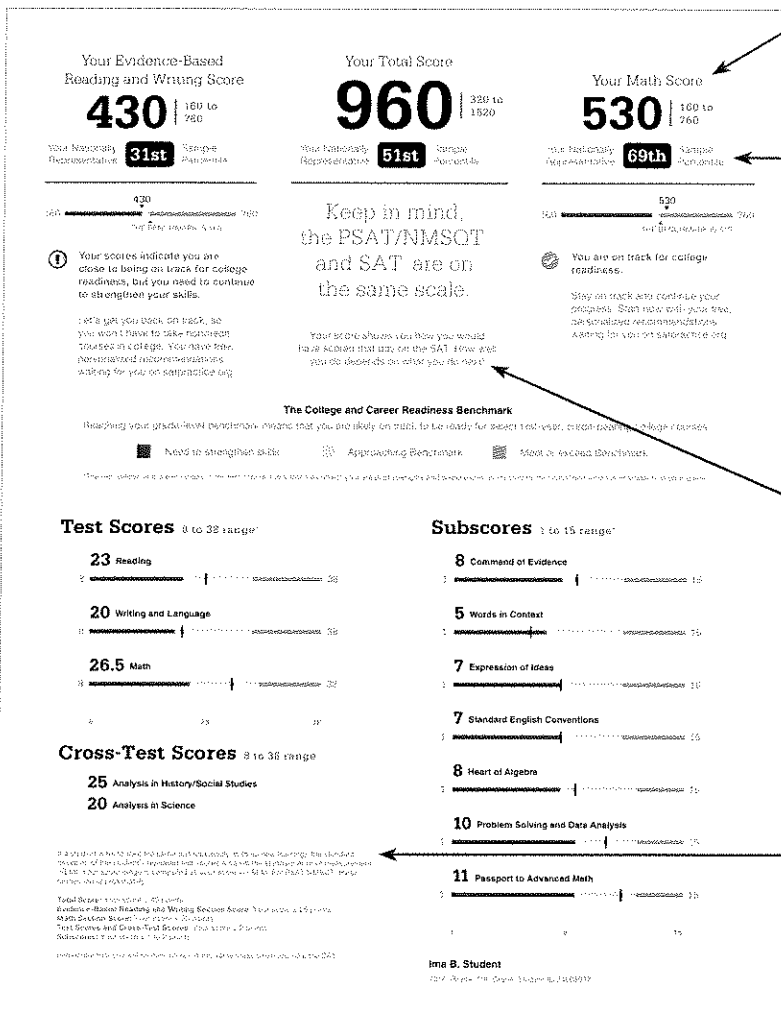
Since Ima is in the 11th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 11th graders in the nation. Ima scored as well as or better in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing than 31% of a nationally representative group of juniors. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 69% of a nationally representative group of juniors. Additional percentiles are available in Ima's online score report.

How Will Ima Do on the SAT®?

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



Score Report

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

What is the National Merit Scholarship Corporation? The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) is a not-for-profit organization that sponsors the National Merit Scholarship Program. The program is designed to recognize and reward high-achieving students in the United States. The program is open to students who are currently in high school and who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The program is open to students who are currently in high school and who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. For more information, visit www.nationalmerit.org.

Your NMSC Selection Index
139

Eligibility Information

1. You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

Entry Requirements

1. You must have a PSAT/NMSQT score of at least 139.

Your Scores: Next Steps

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

Your score indicates that you are already fairly able to:

- Understand the meaning of words and phrases in a text.
- Analyze the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats, including visually quantitative displays.
- Identify the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats, including visually quantitative displays.
- Understand the meaning of words and phrases in a text.

Reading Test

Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:

- Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- Analyze a text to assess how it develops and how it uses rhetorical strategies to persuade.
- Understand the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats, including visually quantitative displays.

23
8/100

Writing and Language Test

- Understand the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats, including visually quantitative displays.
- Identify the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats, including visually quantitative displays.
- Understand the meaning of words and phrases in a text.

20
8/100

Understand the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats, including visually quantitative displays.

- Understand the meaning of words and phrases in a text.
- Understand the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats, including visually quantitative displays.

Math Test

- Understand the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats, including visually quantitative displays.
- Identify the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats, including visually quantitative displays.
- Understand the meaning of words and phrases in a text.

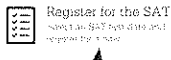
26.5
8/100

Understand the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats, including visually quantitative displays.

- Understand the meaning of words and phrases in a text.
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Get more next steps online

studentscores.collegeboard.org



Ima B. Student

Will Ima Be Able to Enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program?

Ima has an NMSC Selection Index of 139, which is double the sum of her Reading (23), Writing and Language (20), and Math (26.5) Test scores. This index is used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation to designate students to be recognized in its National Merit Scholarship Program.

If an asterisk had appeared next to Ima's score, it would mean she does not meet entry requirements for the program. In this case, Ima meets entry requirements, but her score is not likely to take her further in the competition for awards. For entry requirements and information on how the competition works, see the *2016 PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide* or visit www.nationalmerit.org.

How Can Ima Improve Her Academic Skills?

Your Scores: Next Steps are based on her test scores, and what general skills similarly performing students understand. Ima can see which skills she performed well on and which she needs to improve. When she goes online and logs in to the full report online, she can see additional skills and improvement steps. Ima can also link her account to Khan Academy for personalized practice recommendations.

Score Report

What Are the Next Steps for Ima?

Under **Get more next steps online**, Ima is directed to studentscores.collegeboard.org to learn how to prepare for the SAT and see her potential for challenging AP® course work.

When Should Ima Take the SAT?

As a junior, Ima should begin planning when she will take the SAT. Most students take the SAT for the first time in their junior year. By planning now, Ima can ensure she has adequate time to practice for the SAT. She can take advantage of practice resources by visiting studentscores.collegeboard.org.

How Can Ima Learn from Her Answers?

Using her score report with her PSAT/NMSQT test booklet, Ima can see the actual questions, correct answers, and difficulty level alongside her own answers. She can use her online score report to review the questions she answered incorrectly or omitted, and to see detailed answer explanations.

Your Question-Level Feedback

Writing and Language

Question #	Answer	Difficulty	Category
1	D	Medium	Text Analysis
2	B	Medium	Text Analysis
3	C	Medium	Text Analysis
4	C	Medium	Text Analysis
5	D	Medium	Text Analysis
6	D	Medium	Text Analysis
7	A	Medium	Text Analysis
8	A	Medium	Text Analysis
9	D	Medium	Text Analysis
10	A	Medium	Text Analysis
11	D	Medium	Text Analysis
12	E	Medium	Text Analysis
13	C	Medium	Text Analysis
14	C	Medium	Text Analysis
15	C	Medium	Text Analysis
16	C	Medium	Text Analysis
17	D	Medium	Text Analysis
18	A	Medium	Text Analysis
19	A	Medium	Text Analysis
20	C	Medium	Text Analysis
21	B	Medium	Text Analysis
22	A	Medium	Text Analysis
23	C	Medium	Text Analysis
24	C	Medium	Text Analysis
25	C	Medium	Text Analysis
26	A	Medium	Text Analysis
27	B	Medium	Text Analysis
28	A	Medium	Text Analysis
29	A	Medium	Text Analysis
30	B	Medium	Text Analysis
31	D	Medium	Text Analysis
32	C	Medium	Text Analysis
33	C	Medium	Text Analysis
34	A	Medium	Text Analysis
35	D	Medium	Text Analysis
36	C	Medium	Text Analysis
37	C	Medium	Text Analysis
38	A	Medium	Text Analysis
39	A	Medium	Text Analysis
40	B	Medium	Text Analysis
41	B	Medium	Text Analysis
42	B	Medium	Text Analysis
43	A	Medium	Text Analysis
44	A	Medium	Text Analysis
45	A	Medium	Text Analysis
46	D	Medium	Text Analysis
47	C	Medium	Text Analysis

Math Test-Calculator

Question #	Answer	Difficulty	Category
1	B	Medium	Algebra
2	A	Medium	Algebra
3	C	Medium	Algebra
4	D	Medium	Algebra
5	C	Medium	Algebra
6	A	Medium	Algebra
7	B	Medium	Algebra
8	D	Medium	Algebra
9	C	Medium	Algebra
10	A	Medium	Algebra
11	B	Medium	Algebra
12	A	Medium	Algebra
13	B	Medium	Algebra
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35	D	Medium	Algebra
36	C	Medium	Algebra
37	C	Medium	Algebra
38	A	Medium	Algebra
39	A	Medium	Algebra
40	B	Medium	Algebra
41	B	Medium	Algebra
42	B	Medium	Algebra
43	A	Medium	Algebra
44	A	Medium	Algebra
45	A	Medium	Algebra
46	D	Medium	Algebra
47	C	Medium	Algebra

Math Test-No Calculator

Question #	Answer	Difficulty	Category
1	B	Medium	Algebra
2	A	Medium	Algebra
3	C	Medium	Algebra
4	D	Medium	Algebra
5	C	Medium	Algebra
6	A	Medium	Algebra
7	B	Medium	Algebra
8	D	Medium	Algebra
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