

PSAT/NMSQT

The redesigned test now reflects scores that correlate more with the SAT.

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SCORES: There is a score that is a combination of your **Reading** test score and the **Writing and Language** test score. This is called **Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score (ERW)**. The **Math Test** section score is a combination of the two math tests-**Math Test with calculator** and **Math Test without calculator**.

Your **Total Score** is a combination of **ERW and MATH**.

POSSIBLE SCORES

PSAT 8/9	ERW 120-720	MATH 120-720	TOTAL 240-1440
PSAT/NMSQT	ERW 160-760	MATH 160-760	TOTAL 320-1520
SAT	ERW 200-800	MATH 200-800	TOTAL 400-1600

The scale is the same for all three tests, but the difficulty of questions is highest on the SAT which is why there are more possible points. So, the score you receive on the PSAT 8/9 would be the same score on the SAT or PSAT/NMSQT if you took either of those tests on the same day. If you received a score of 650 on the Math section, you would be expected to receive a score of 650 on either of the other tests if taken that same day. Since it is possible to compare in this way, you can measure growth from one year to the next. If you receive a score of 500 on the Math section of the PSAT 8/9 this year and next year you take the PSAT/NMSQT and receive a score of 550 on the Math section, you will have shown growth.

BENCHMARKS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

If there is a green check mark in the section it means that you are on track. The yellow means that you are close to being on track and the red means that you are below the benchmark for college and career readiness.

<u>Benchmarks</u>	<u>ERW</u>	<u>MATH</u>
10 th Grade PSAT/NMSQT	360	470
11 th Grade PSAT/NMSQT	390	500

SECTION SCORES

Each section, **READING, WRITING AND LANGUAGE, and MATH** have a range of 8 to 38. Your score report shows your score on each section and subscores with a range from 1 to 15. You will find for each section a list of your strengths and weaknesses. Your **Selection Index is the sum of each of these sections x 2**.

SELECTION INDEX AND NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation uses the Selection Index score to qualify eligible students for recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program. If there is an * next to your name it means that you are not in the eligible category at this time. All sophomores will have an * next to your name. If you are a junior and a US citizen you are eligible to for the competition. To be named a National Merit Semi-finalist and to go further in the competition for scholarships in the 2017 year, the selection index must be of the highest in the state. Semi-finalists will be announced in the fall of 2016. The highest scores are compared throughout each state and nationally.

YOUR QUESTIONS

On the back of your printout is a list of the question numbers for each section. The checkmarks show the questions you answered correctly and the incorrect ones are marked with an x. There is a key to interpreting the subscore abbreviations so you see what type of question was asked. Go to the website studentscores.collegeboard.org and use your **ACCESS CODE** printed on your score report to see the actual questions. You may click on the question number to see the actual question. Once you have an account you can link your score report with **KHAN Academy** for personalized practice. Also, check out bigfuture.org to explore your interests and gain insight on careers that might be suitable for you.

PERCENTILES

You will see a percentile rank for each section and your total score. This number represents where you fall compared to students who took the test on that day. The national percentile is the percentage of students who scored lower than you on that particular test day. There is also a percentile rank for specific groups, such as all 9th graders who took the test on that day. You can access this information about specific groups from your account online.