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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 next page. Use the corresponding 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 380 and Math is 480. 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?

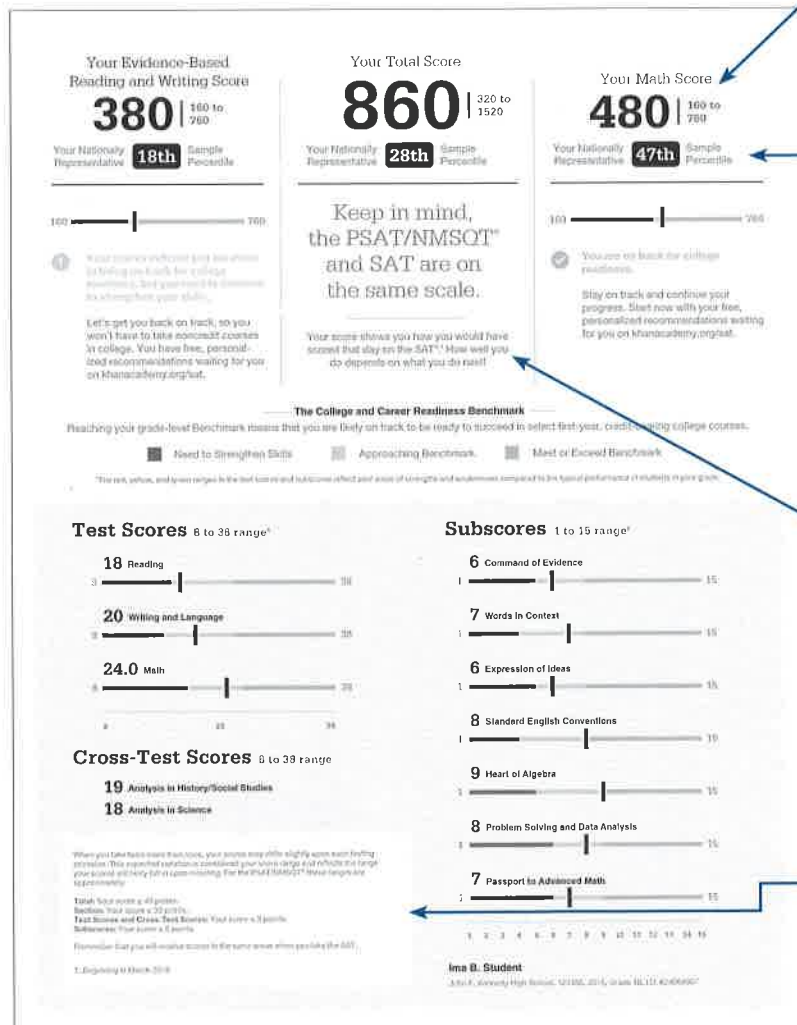
Since Ima is in the 10th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 10th-graders in the nation. Ima scored as well as or better in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing than 18 percent of a nationally representative group of sophomores. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 47 percent of a nationally representative group of sophomores. 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

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) is the national organization that administers the National Merit Scholarship Program. For more information, visit www.nationalmerit.org.

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Your NMSC Selection Index

124*

NMSC uses a three-factor index based on PSAT/NMSQT scores to determine if you qualify for the program. The index is based on your scores in Reading and Language, Writing and Language, and Math.

Eligibility Information

You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and have completed high school or be completing high school in the U.S. You must also be a high school senior or a high school junior who will be a high school senior in the fall of the year you apply.

NOTE: Students scoring high on the PSAT/NMSQT may be eligible for the PSAT/NMSQT Super Score program. For more information, visit www.nationalmerit.org.

Entry Requirements

Students must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

High school status: Yes

You must complete high school and send a transcript to NMSC.

There is no need to provide a transcript.

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 intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:

Your Scores: Next Steps

Reading Test

18
5 to 78

- Review text as needed to improve the accuracy of reading assignments of most students who succeed at this level.
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Improve your skills by focusing on your ability to:

- Relate to and understand the main idea or purpose of a text.
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Writing and Language Test

20
8 to 38

- Use relevant evidence from a text to analyze a text.
- Describe the layout or structure of a text.
- Identify and analyze the main ideas and supporting details in a text.

- Draw relevant evidence from a text to analyze a text.
- Analyze relevant evidence from a text to analyze a text.
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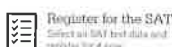
Math Test

24.0
7 to 35

- Interpret a linear equation in one variable with slope and y-intercept.
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- Determine the value of a variable in an equation with one variable.
- Use a graph to solve a system of linear equations.
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Get more next steps online
studentscores.collegeboard.org



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

Ima has an NMSC Selection Index of 124, which is double the sum of her Reading (18), Writing and Language (20), and Math (24) Test scores. This index is used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation to designate students to be recognized in its National Merit Scholarship Program. Since an asterisk appears next to Ima's score, it means she does not meet entry requirements for the program. However, even if Ima met entry requirements, 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 *2015 Official Student Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT* 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.

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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 sophomore, 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?

The score report is designed to be used with the student's PSAT/NMSQT test booklet. It lists all of Ima's answers and allows her to see the correct answer and difficulty level for each question. Ima can use her online score report to review the questions she answered incorrectly or omitted, and see detailed answer explanations explaining why her responses were correct or incorrect.

Your Question-Level Feedback

Writing and Language Math Test - Calculator Math Test - No Calculator

Question	Correct	Incorrect	Difficulty	Subscore	Percentile
1	✓	✗	Easy	18	50
2	✗	✓	Medium	18	50
3	✓	✗	Easy	18	50
4	✗	✓	Medium	18	50
5	✓	✗	Easy	18	50
6	✗	✓	Medium	18	50
7	✓	✗	Easy	18	50
8	✗	✓	Medium	18	50
9	✓	✗	Easy	18	50
10	✗	✓	Medium	18	50
11	✓	✗	Easy	18	50
12	✗	✓	Medium	18	50
13	✓	✗	Easy	18	50
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15	✓	✗	Easy	18	50
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38	✗	✓	Medium	18	50
39	✓	✗	Easy	18	50
40	✗	✓	Medium	18	50
41	✓	✗	Easy	18	50
42	✗	✓	Medium	18	50
43	✓	✗	Easy	18	50
44	✗	✓	Medium	18	50

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