

**\*\*Students and parents should be encouraged to visit <http://tinyurl.com/flhspathelp> for more in depth resources including videos on how students can get the most from their score report, as well as how they can link their results to Khan Academy for FREE PERSONALIZED SAT practice.**

**Use the Below “Cheat Sheet” When Reviewing the PSAT SCORE REPORT**

1. **Access Code-** Students will need their access code to view their full score report and use many of the features provided by CollegeBoard.
2. **The PSAT/NMSQT Score Report-** This report helps students see what areas they need to focus on to prepare for the SATs.  
**Video- [How to Get the Most From Your Score Report](http://tinyurl.com/psatunderstand) <http://tinyurl.com/psatunderstand>**
3. **Your Total Score-** What the student would have scored that day if they had taken the SAT instead of the PSAT.
4. **Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score & Math Score and Percentile-** Student’s score on each section plus what percentile the student ranks nationally among other students that took the test.  
*Example Math Score Percentile 47th = the student scored as well or better than 47% of students that took the exam. Additional percentiles are available in the student’s online report*
5. **Your Current Track-** This area lets the student know if their score indicates whether they are on track for college readiness or not.
6. **Score Range-** Scores may differ slightly each time a student tests. Each score is a range that extends from a few points below to a few points above.
7. **National Merit Scholarship Program -** Student will need a score higher than 124 in order to be recognized in its National Merit Scholarship Program.
8. **Improving Student Skills (Scores)-** The students could see which skills they performed well in and the skills they need to improve on in this section. Students can also link their account to **Khan Academy** for **FREE** personalized SAT practice recommendations.  
**Video- [How to Link Your College Board to Khan Academy](http://tinyurl.com/psatkhan) <http://tinyurl.com/psatkhan>**
9. **Next Steps -** Students are directed to [studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://studentscores.collegeboard.org) to learn how to prepare for the SAT and see their potential for AP® course work.
10. **When Should Students Take the SAT? -** As a sophomore, students should begin planning when they will take the SAT. Most students take the SAT for the first time in their junior year.
11. **What Can Students Learn From Their Answers? -** Students can use their online score report to review the questions they answered incorrectly or omitted, and see detailed answer explanations explaining why their responses were correct or incorrect.

12. **KEY-**

- ✓ Correct
- ∅ Omitted
- U Unscorable
- ■ ■ Easy
- ■ ■ Medium
- ■ ■ Hard

## Hi, Ima B. Student

School Name: John F. Kennedy High School, School Code: 123456  
2015, Grade 10  
Student I.D. #24068907  
Optional Code: #00  
Access Code: A02670146P

 CollegeBoard /  NATIONAL MERIT  
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# PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup>

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

## Your Score Report

1.

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# 2. THE PSAT/NMSQT SCORE REPORT

## 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, 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?

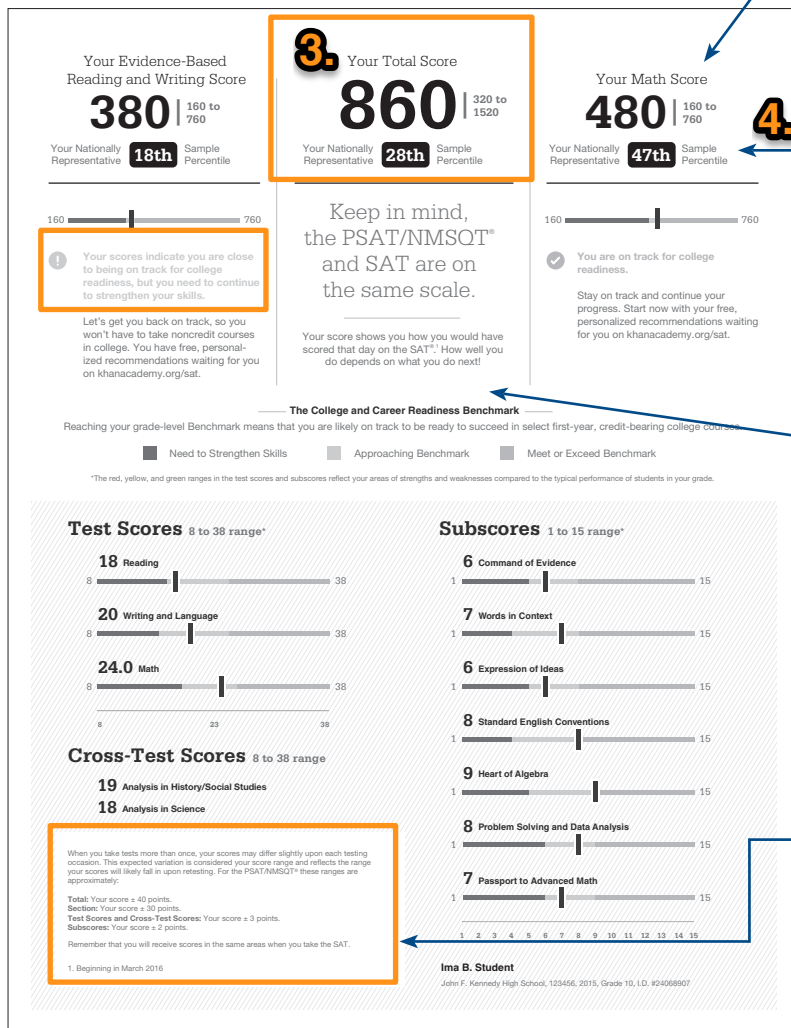
Since Ima is in the 10th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 10th-graders in the nation. Ima scored as well as or better in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing than 18 percent of a nationally representative group of sophomores. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 47 percent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



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# 7 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 score of some 1.5 million test-takers (usually high school juniors) who meet program entry requirements. For more information, please visit: [www.nationalmerit.org](http://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  
1500 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200  
Evanston, IL 60201-4807

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 your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

### Eligibility Information

You do not have a Selection Index because you lack a Reading, Writing and Language, and/or Math Test score.

\*The asterisk (\*) 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 2016 or later must take the PSAT/NMSQT again in their 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

**2016**

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

## Your Scores: Next Steps

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

Reading Test Improve your skills by focusing on your ability to:

- 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

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## 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 Test (18), Writing and Language Test (20), and Math Test (24) 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](http://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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## 9. 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 and see her potential for AP® course work.

## 10. 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 register for the test and take advantage of practice resources by visiting [studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://studentscores.collegeboard.org).

## 11. What Can We Learn from Ima's 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	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cons-Test Score
1	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
2	B	✓	■	EOL	SEC
3	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
4	C	✓	■	EOL	SEC
5	D	✓	■	EOL	SEC
6	B	✓	■	EOL	SEC
7	C	✓	■	EOL	SEC
8	C	✓	■	EOL	SEC
9	B	✓	■	EOL	SEC
10	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
11	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
12	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
13	D	✓	■	EOL	SEC
14	D	✓	■	EOL	SEC
15	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
16	C	✓	■	EOL	SEC
17	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
18	C	✓	■	EOL	SEC
19	D	✓	■	EOL	SEC
20	B	✓	■	EOL	SEC
21	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
22	B	✓	■	EOL	SEC
23	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
24	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
25	C	✓	■	EOL	SEC
26	D	✓	■	EOL	SEC
27	C	✓	■	EOL	SEC
28	C	✓	■	EOL	SEC
29	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
30	B	✓	■	EOL	SEC
31	B	✓	■	EOL	SEC
32	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
33	D	✓	■	EOL	SEC
34	C	✓	■	EOL	SEC
35	D	✓	■	EOL	SEC
36	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
37	B	✓	■	EOL	SEC
38	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
39	D	✓	■	EOL	SEC
40	B	✓	■	EOL	SEC
41	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
42	C	✓	■	EOL	SEC
43	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
44	A	✓	■	EOL	SEC
45	D	✓	■	EOL	SEC
46	C	✓	■	EOL	SEC
47	D	✓	■	EOL	SEC

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cons-Test Score
1	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
2	B	✓	■	HQA	PAM
3	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
4	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM
5	D	✓	■	HQA	PAM
6	B	✓	■	HQA	PAM
7	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM
8	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM
9	B	✓	■	HQA	PAM
10	B	✓	■	HQA	PAM
11	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
12	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
13	D	✓	■	HQA	PAM
14	D	✓	■	HQA	PAM
15	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
16	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM
17	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
18	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM
19	D	✓	■	HQA	PAM
20	B	✓	■	HQA	PAM
21	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
22	B	✓	■	HQA	PAM
23	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
24	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
25	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM
26	D	✓	■	HQA	PAM
27	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cons-Test Score
1	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
2	B	✓	■	HQA	PAM
3	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
4	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM
5	D	✓	■	HQA	PAM
6	B	✓	■	HQA	PAM
7	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM
8	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM
9	B	✓	■	HQA	PAM
10	B	✓	■	HQA	PAM
11	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
12	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
13	D	✓	■	HQA	PAM
14	D	✓	■	HQA	PAM
15	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
16	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM
17	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
18	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM
19	D	✓	■	HQA	PAM
20	B	✓	■	HQA	PAM
21	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
22	B	✓	■	HQA	PAM
23	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
24	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
25	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM
26	D	✓	■	HQA	PAM
27	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cons-Test Score
28	1000	1200	■	HQA	PAM
29	10, 12, 14, 16	✓	■	HQA	PAM
30	8.5, 1.5	✓	■	HQA	PAM
31	29	✓	■	HQA	PAM

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cons-Test Score
1	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
2	B	✓	■	HQA	PAM
3	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
4	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM
5	D	✓	■	HQA	PAM
6	B	✓	■	HQA	PAM
7	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM
8	C	✓	■	HQA	PAM
9	B	✓	■	HQA	PAM
10	B	✓	■	HQA	PAM
11	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
12	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
13	D	✓	■	HQA	PAM
14	D	✓	■	HQA	PAM
15	A	✓	■	HQA	PAM
16	4.5 or 8.2	✓	■	HQA	PAM
17	1000	✓	■	HQA	PAM

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cons-Test Score
14	7	✓	■	HQA	PAM
15	8	✓	■	HQA	PAM
16	4.5 or 8.2	✓	■	HQA	PAM
17	1000	✓	■	HQA	PAM

**Key:**  
 ✓ Correct  
 ✗ Omitted  
 U Unscorable  
 ■ Easy  
 ■ Medium  
 ■ Hard

**Subscore:**  
 COE Command of Evidence  
 WC Words in Context  
 EDI Expression of Ideas  
 SEI Standard English Conventions  
 HOA Heart of Algebra  
 PAM Problem Solving and Data Analysis  
 Passport to Advanced Math

**Cross-Test Score:**  
 HSS Analysis in History/Social Studies  
 SCI Analysis in Science

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**See the questions and answer explanations online**  
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