



PSAT 10/NMSQT Score Interpretation

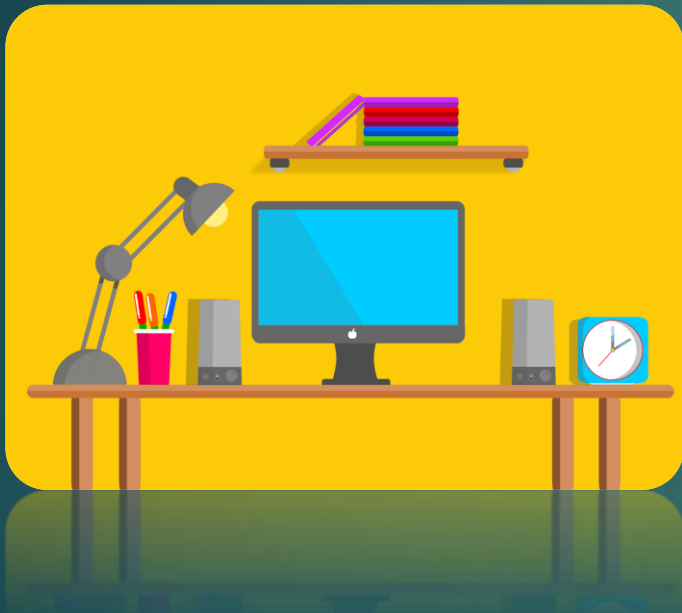
North Atlanta High School

An International Baccalaureate School

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INFO SESSION AGENDA:



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What is the PSAT?

A practice version of the SAT exam that covers the same knowledge and skills as the Official SAT

PSAT

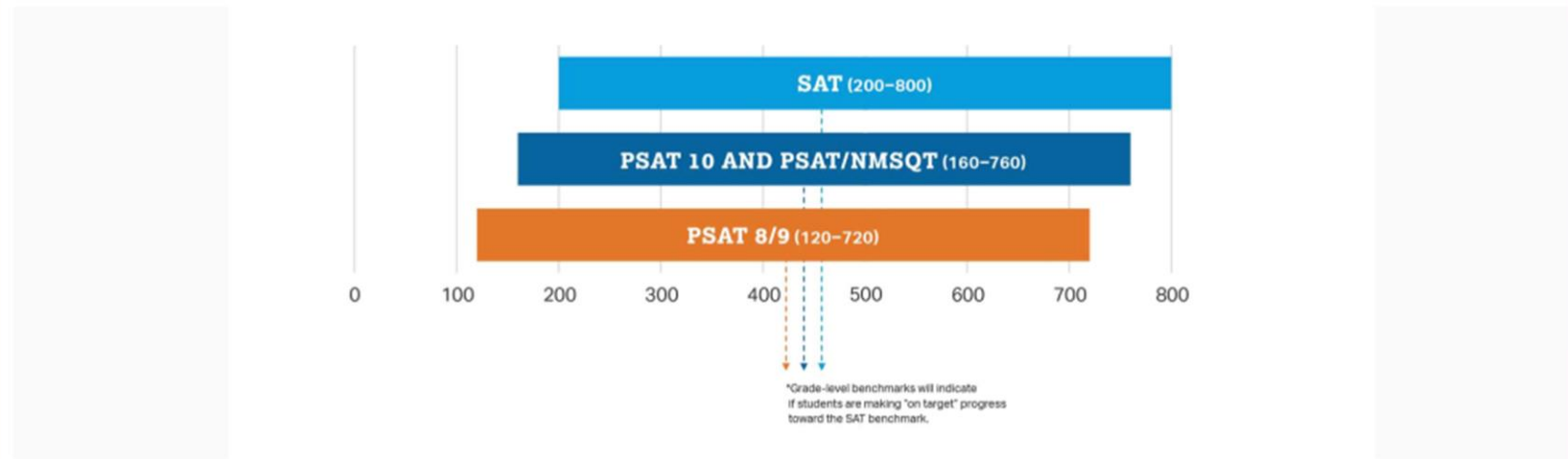
- **Practice SAT taken by students in both 10th and 11th grade**
 - PSAT 10: 10th Grade
 - PSAT/NMSQT: 11th Grade
- **Offered in October and can only be taken once per year**
- **Taken during the school day at NAHS**
- **Length: 2 Hour 45 Minute Test (139 questions)**
- **Score ranges from 320 to 1520**

Official SAT

- **College entrance exam taken by students entering the application process for admissions to colleges/universities**
- **Offered throughout the year and there is no limit on how many times it is taken**
- **Taken on Saturdays at designated SAT testing sites**
- **Length: 3 Hours (154 questions)**
- **Score ranges from 400 to 1600**

What is considered a good PSAT score?

PSAT/NMSQT Connection to SAT Success



Content and Domain Alignment

All tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments (SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9) are aligned to the same research backbone and focus on the same domain of knowledge and skills.

Scoring

All tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments are on a common score scale that provides consistent feedback, enabling teachers to adjust instruction to better support students who are ahead or behind.

- The average PSAT/NMSQT score is about 920.
- A score between 1210 and 1520 puts you in the top 10% of test takers.
- For most students, the PSAT scores have no direct impact on their college admissions process.
- Colleges never receive students' PSAT scores.
- ***The PSAT was written to pair with the SAT; although the SAT is longer and more difficult, PSAT scores give a general sense of a student's potential SAT score***

WHY?

the PSAT?



The test covers the same knowledge and skills as the Official SAT



Gives students an idea on how they perform in a high-pressure testing situation



Students/Parents can check their progress towards meeting college readiness skill benchmarks



Identifies student's areas of strength and areas with most opportunity for improvement



Can provide personalized SAT practice on Khan Academy



Provides a framework to help create a strategic test-prep plan to help students score their best when it counts

The PSAT is the perfect tool to jump start your college and career planning!



Promotes participation in opportunities to earn college credit in HS (AP, IB & Dual Enrollment Classes)



Engages students in the exploration of majors and careers (Big Futures & Roadtrip Nation)



Connects students with prospective college that match their academic profile (Achieve Atlanta College Match & Fit Tool)



Serves as entry point to accessing over \$300 Million in scholarship opportunities

PSAT/NMSQT:

Preliminary SAT/National
Merit Scholarship
Qualifying Test



National Merit® Scholarship Program



An annual academic competition among high school students for recognition and college scholarships.



Is conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®)



The 2022 PSAT/NMSQT® is the qualifying test for entry to the 2024 National Merit Program.



Competition lasts from entry in Fall of 2022 thru Spring of 2024 when scholarships for college undergraduate study will be awarded

National Merit Scholarship Competition 2024

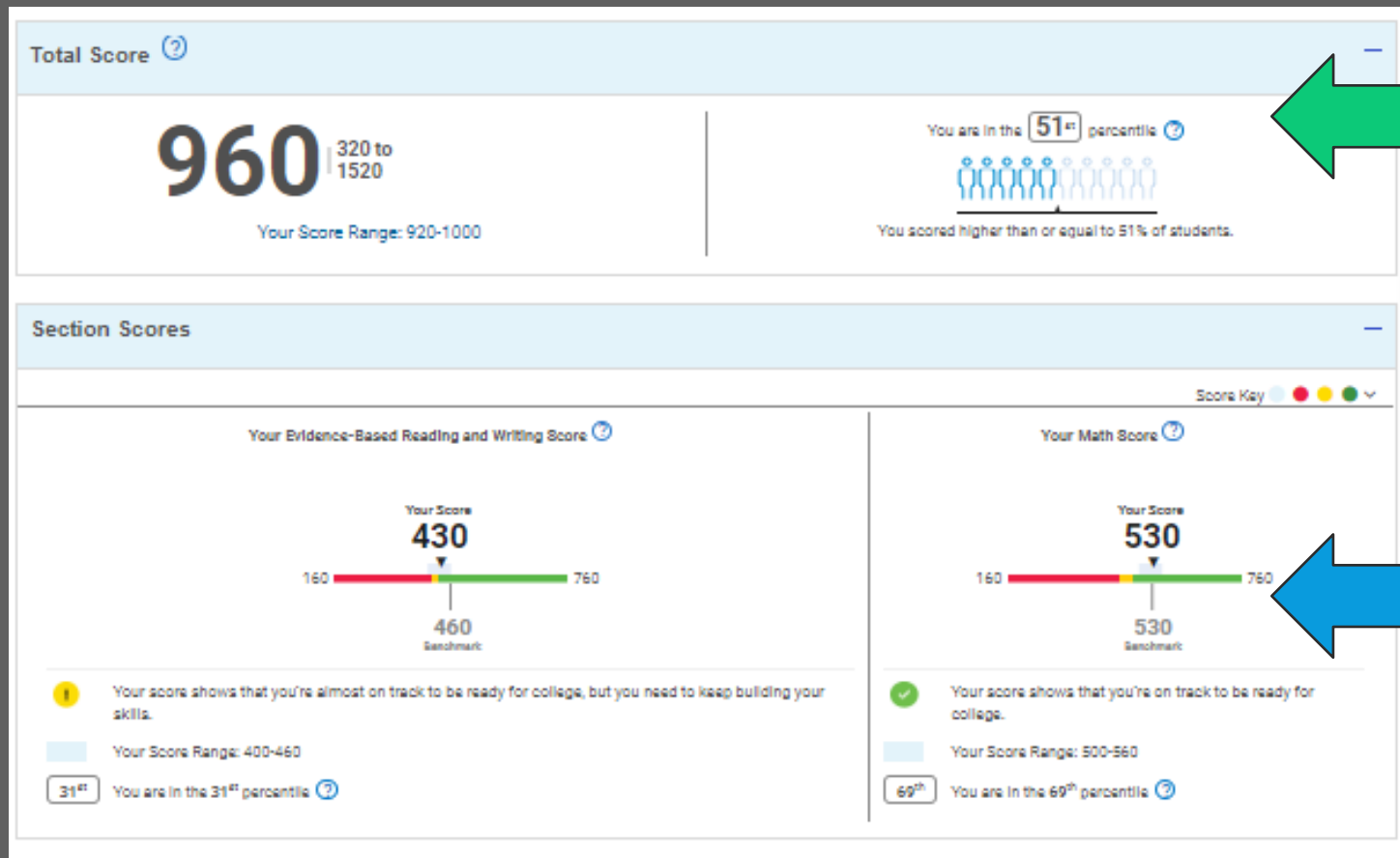


- Includes HS juniors planning to enter college in the Fall of 2024
- Students are entered into the National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the PSAT/NMSQT
- PSAT/NMSQT serves as an initial screening of over 1.5 million entrants each year
- NMSC® uses **PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores** to determine 50,000 high-scoring participants who qualify for program recognition and may proceed to the next phase of the competition.
- Link to 2024 National Merit Scholarship Competition Program Details:
https://www.nationalmerit.org/s/1758/images/gid2/editor_documents/student_guide.pdf?gid=2&pgid=61

THE PSAT SCORE REPORT



PSAT REPORT MAIN PAGE: SCORE OVERVIEW



Total Score:

Combined overall score calculated by adding scores for the Evidence-Based Reading/Writing and Math sections together


Section Scores:

Separate score for each of the 2 sections of the test

Test scores and subscores

Red, yellow, and green ranges reflect areas of strengths and weaknesses compared to the typical performance of students.

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing

Score 

Your Score

430

160  760

430

Benchmark



Your score shows that you're on track to be ready for college.

Section scores

Need to Strengthen Skills = below grade-level benchmark by more than one year

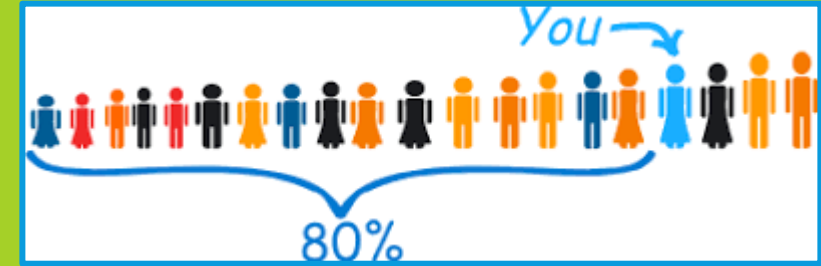
Approaching Benchmark = below grade-level benchmark by one year or less

Meets or Exceeds Benchmark = at or above grade-level benchmark

TEST SCORES & BENCHMARKS

All scores are reported in performance zones that indicate whether students are on track for meeting the college readiness benchmarks on the SAT

UNDERSTANDING PERCENTILES



Your Percentiles

39th PSAT/NMSQT & PSAT 10 Nationally Representative Sample Percentile
Your percentile shows how you scored compared to others in the same grade. It shows you the percentage of other students who would likely score below your score.

39th PSAT/NMSQT & PSAT 10 User Percentile
User group percentiles are based on all PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 tests administered in the past three school years.

160

✓ Your score is in the 39th percentile.

Your Score

39th You are in the 39th percentile ?

Percentile Rank:

- a number between 1 and 99 that shows how your student scored compared to other students
- It represents the percentage of students whose scores fall at or below your student's score.

Nationally Representative Sample Percentile:

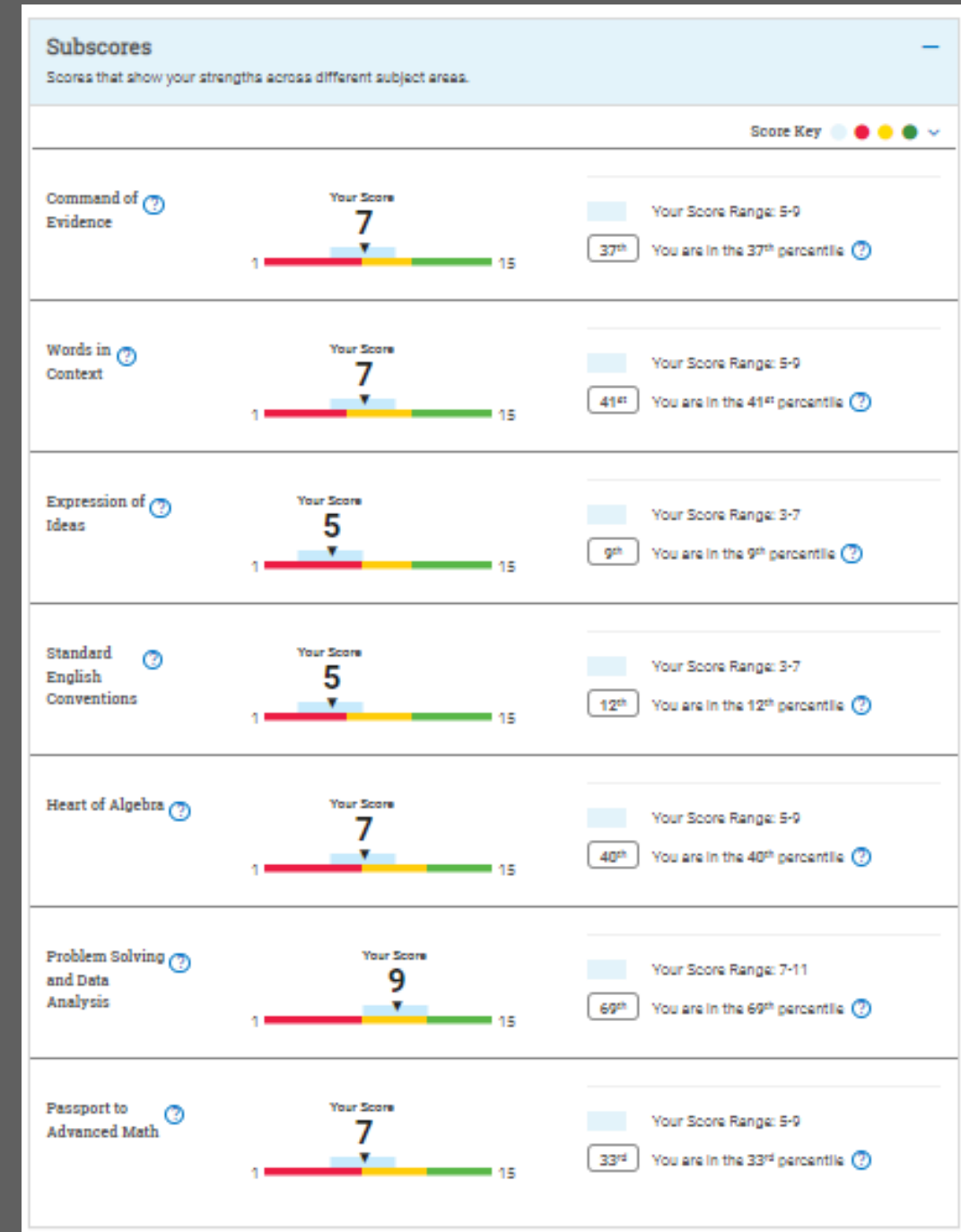
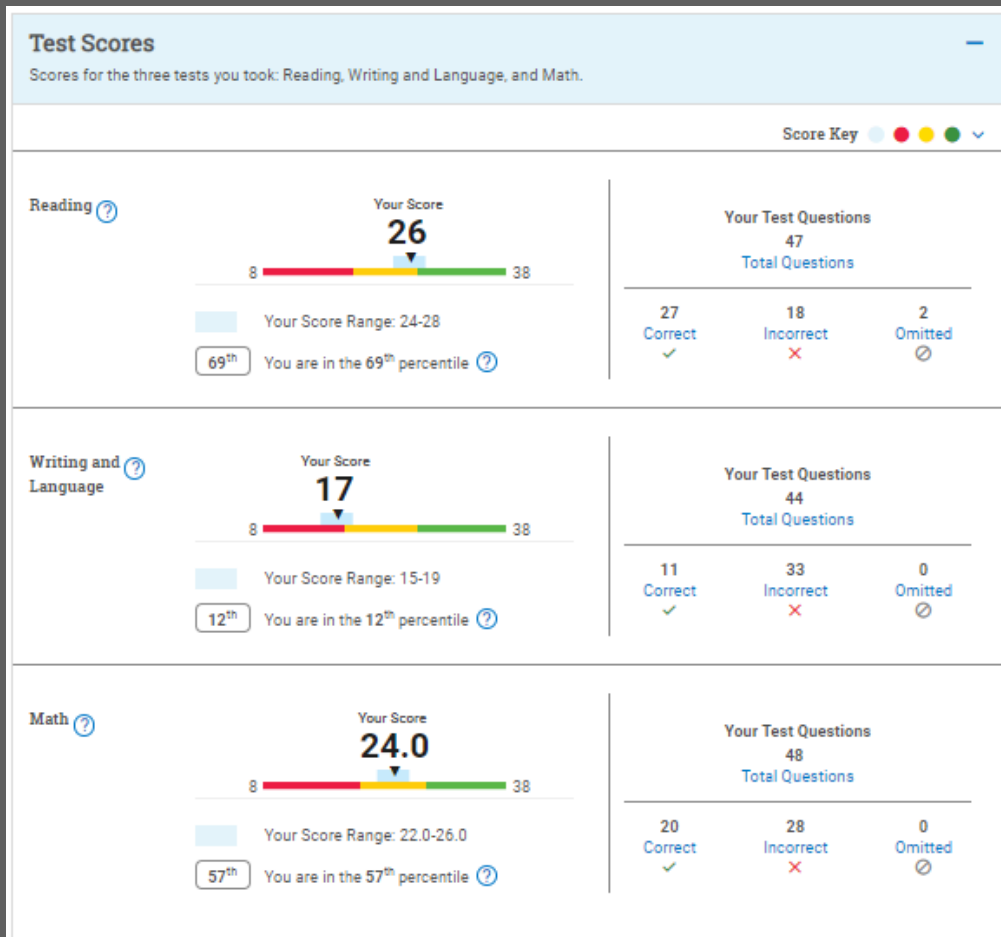
- compares your student's score to typical scores of other U.S. students in his/her grade.

User Percentile:

- compares your student's score to the scores of all PSAT takers over the past 3 years

SCORE DETAILS & INSIGHTS

Test scores, cross-test scores, and sub-scores give students insightful information about their strengths and areas for improvement.





FINDING YOUR PSAT SCORE REPORT

CollegeBoard sent students an email with their unique Access Code (Dec 5th - 6th)

Go to the inbox for the email address your student provided on his/her PSAT answer sheet in October. Run a search for "Collegeboard" or "PSAT" if needed.

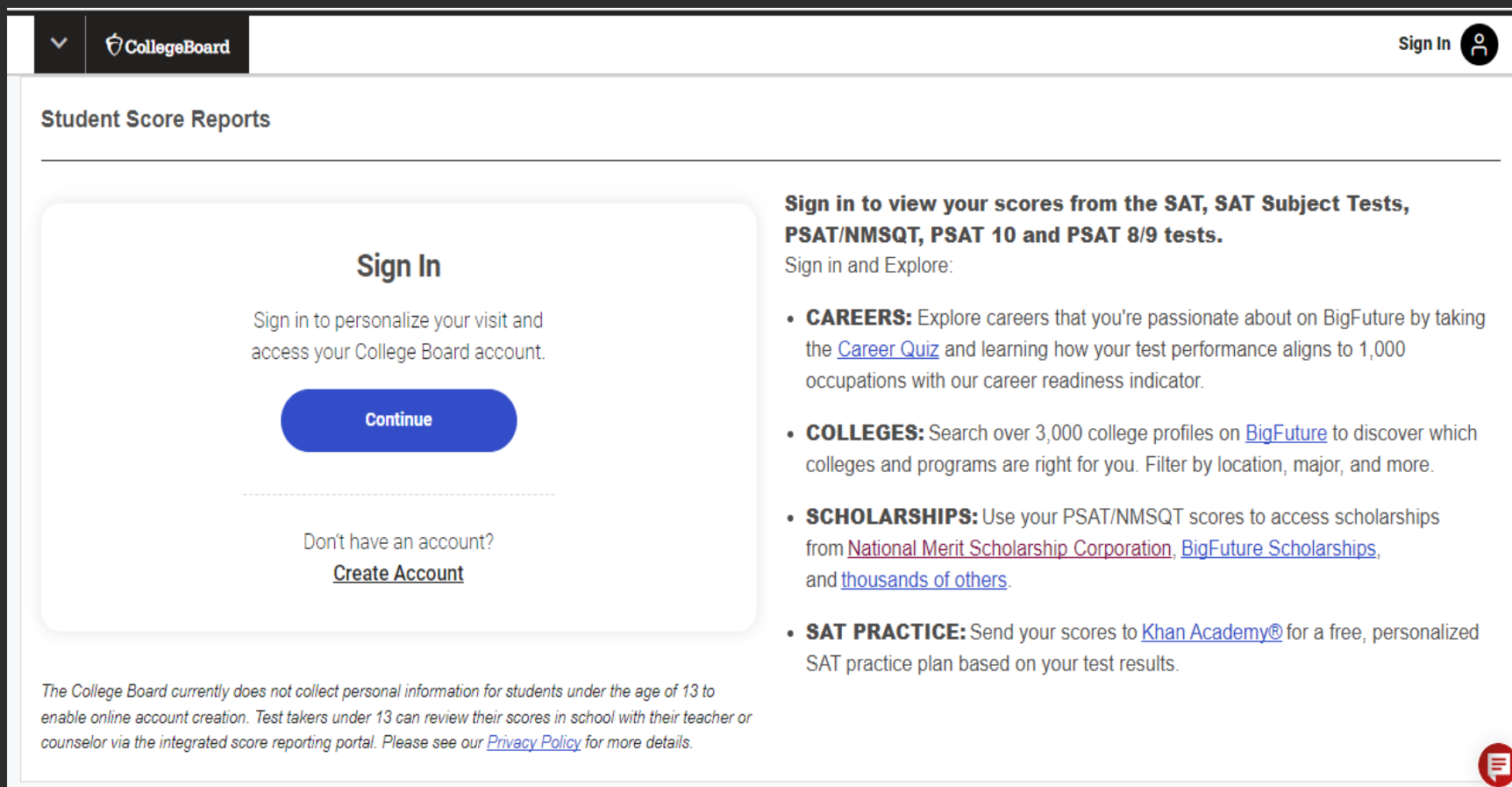
Reasons a Student May Not Have Received an Email from CollegeBoard:

- *Did not provide an email address on their PSAT answer sheet*
- *The email provided was incorrect, not a valid email or was not legible*

IF YOUR STUDENT DOES NOT HAVE THE COLLEGEBOARD EMAIL, GO TO: STUDENTSCORES.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

BUT PROCEED WITH CAUTION

- Ask your student first if he/she has already set up a Collegeboard account
- DO NOT create a Collegeboard account for your student using your email address
- Save your student's Collegeboard Username, Password & account email address is a secure place



CollegeBoard

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Student Score Reports

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Sign in to personalize your visit and access your College Board account.

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Sign in to view your scores from the SAT, SAT Subject Tests, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 tests.
Sign in and Explore:

- **CAREERS:** Explore careers that you're passionate about on BigFuture by taking the [Career Quiz](#) and learning how your test performance aligns to 1,000 occupations with our career readiness indicator.
- **COLLEGES:** Search over 3,000 college profiles on [BigFuture](#) to discover which colleges and programs are right for you. Filter by location, major, and more.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Use your PSAT/NMSQT scores to access scholarships from [National Merit Scholarship Corporation](#), [BigFuture Scholarships](#), and [thousands of others](#).
- **SAT PRACTICE:** Send your scores to [Khan Academy®](#) for a free, personalized SAT practice plan based on your test results.

The College Board currently does not collect personal information for students under the age of 13 to enable online account creation. Test takers under 13 can review their scores in school with their teacher or counselor via the integrated score reporting portal. Please see our [Privacy Policy](#) for more details.

Hi, IMA.

Your 5 score reports are below—your most recent report is at the top. Click any report for more details or to download a copy.

SAT with Essay

March 8, 2019
11th Grade

Your Total Score
1010 | 400 to 1600

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score
490 | 200 to 800

Your Math Score
520 | 200 to 800

SAT Subject Test - Chinese with Listening

November 3, 2018
11th Grade

Your Total Score
710 | 200 to 800

SAT Subject Test - Chemistry

November 3, 2018
11th Grade

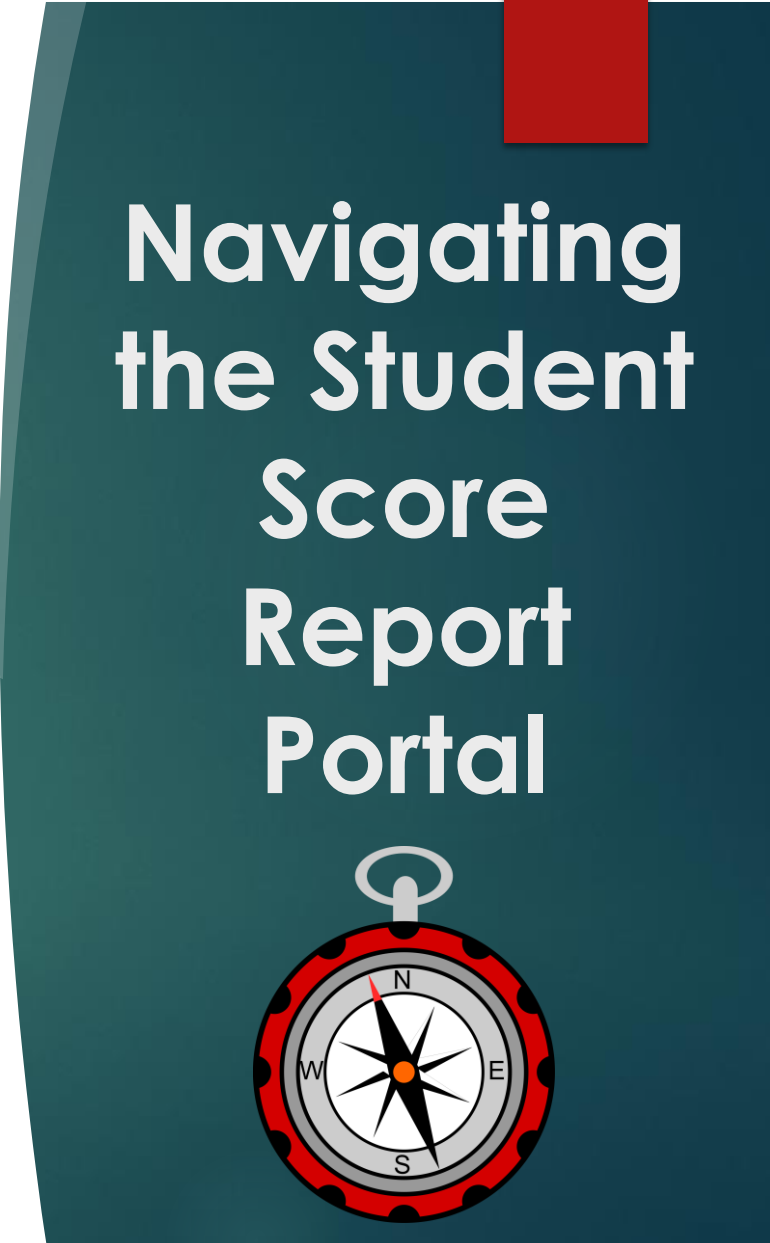
Your Total Score
670 | 200 to 800

Qualify for a \$40,000 BigFuture Scholarship

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Send Your SAT Scores to Colleges

- Popular Tools
- AP Potential
 - SAT Score Sends
 - SAT Registration
 - SAT Practice
 - My College List
 - College Search



LINK TO DEMO:
<https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/viewscore>

Student Score Reports

Hi, Shellie

Don't See Your Scores?

If you took a test in the 2021-22 school year, check whether your scores have been released:

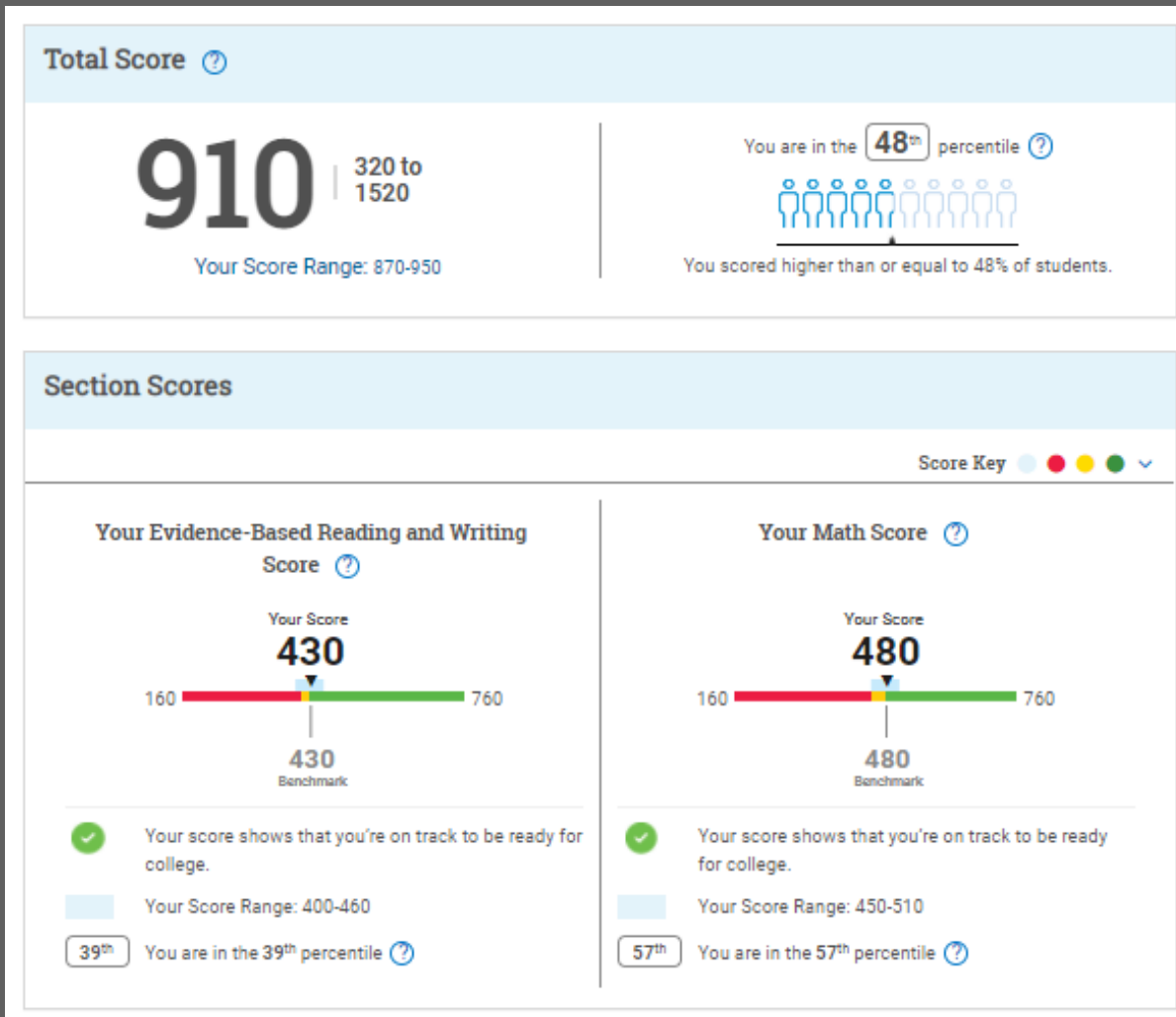
- [SAT score release schedule](#)
- PSAT/NMSQT: Scores are released starting December 6, 2021
- PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9: Check with your school counselor

If your scores have already been released (including previous years):

1. For PSAT-related assessments, you may need to update your information. Go to the [Matching Tool](#) to verify. To make changes, click 'Update My Info'. If you have an Access Code, click 'Get My Access Code'.
2. For SAT, contact Customer Service at [SAT Support](#) or 866-776-7346.

If your test scores do not pop up, then click **Matching Tool** and follow those prompts

ON THE TOP TOOLBAR, CLICK ON **SCORE OVERVIEW**



How did you score?

- Total Score (Combined)
- Section Scores
 - Reading & Writing
 - Math
 - College Readiness Benchmarks



SCROLL DOWN FURTHER...

Future
Estimated
PSAT/SAT
Scores

PSAT Score
Converted to
NEW SAT
Scoring Scale

Your Estimated PSAT 10 & PSAT/NMSQT Section Scores

Test	Section Score	
	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	Math
Projected PSAT 10 & PSAT/NMSQT 11th Grade	400 - 510 Benchmark: 460	310 - 440 Benchmark: 510

Test Scores*

Reading	Writing and Language	Math
24 8 to 38	18 8 to 38	17 8 to 38

* Additional detailed scores, like test scores, provide students with a deeper understanding of their performance. Test scores are also used to calculate your NMSC Selection Index.



ON THE TOP TOOLBAR, CLICK ON **SCORE DETAILS**

Test Scores
Scores for the three tests you took: Reading, Writing and Language, and Math.

Score Key ● ● ●

Reading ?

Your Score **26**

8 38

Your Score Range: 24-28

69th You are in the 69th percentile ?

Your Test Questions **47**
Total Questions

27 Correct ✓ 18 Incorrect ✗ 2 Omitted ⓪

Writing and Language ?

Your Score **17**

8 38

Your Score Range: 15-19

12th You are in the 12th percentile ?

Your Test Questions **44**
Total Questions

11 Correct ✓ 33 Incorrect ✗ 0 Omitted ⓪

Math ?

Your Score **24.0**

8 38

Your Score Range: 22.0-26.0

57th You are in the 57th percentile ?

Your Test Questions **48**
Total Questions

20 Correct ✓ 28 Incorrect ✗ 0 Omitted ⓪

Test Scores for all 3 sections of PSAT

Cross-Test Scores

Cross-Test Scores
Scores that show how well you analyze texts and solve problems related to science, history, and social studies.

Analysis in Science ?

25 | 8 to 38

Your Score Range: 23-27

You are in the **67th** percentile ?

Analysis in History/ Social Studies ?

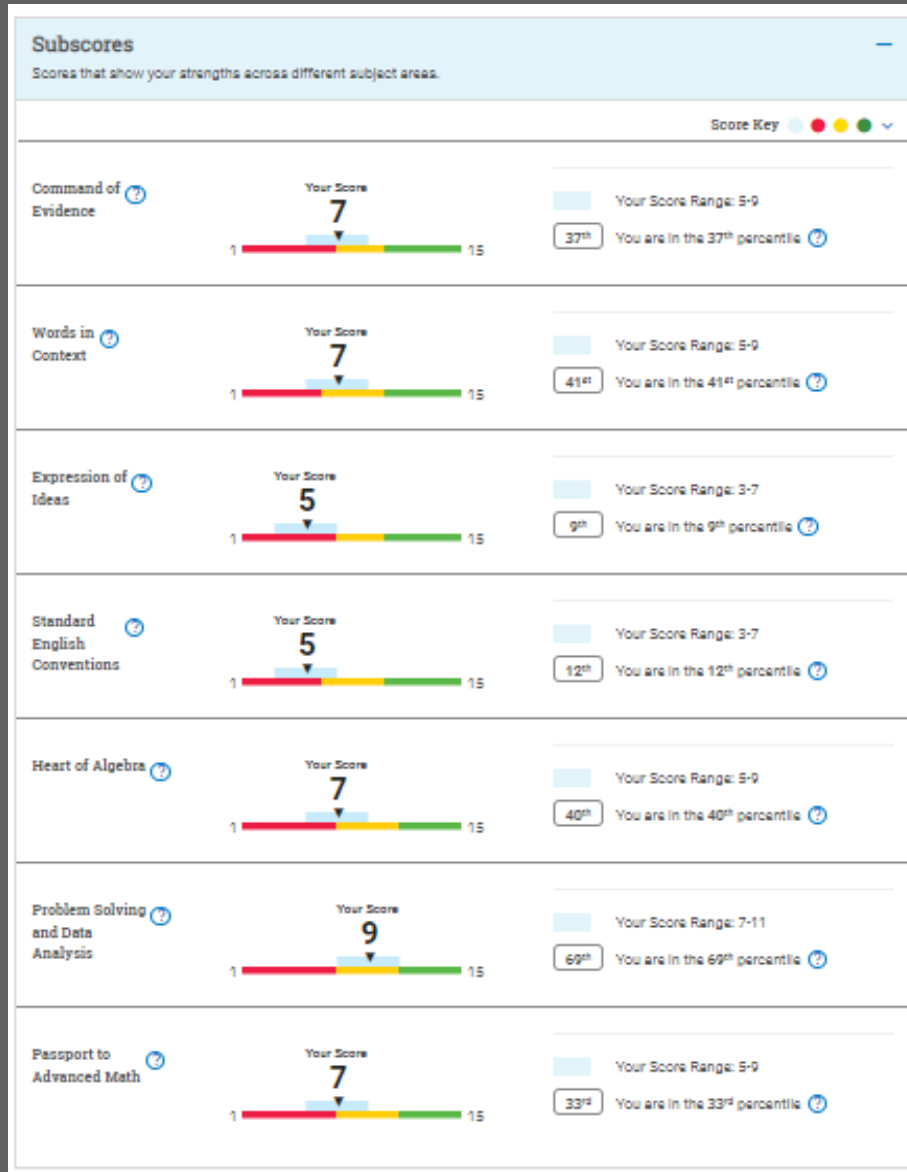
23 | 8 to 38

Your Score Range: 21-25

You are in the **51st** percentile ?



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Shows student's strengths and areas for improvement

Need to Strengthen Skills

Approaching Benchmark

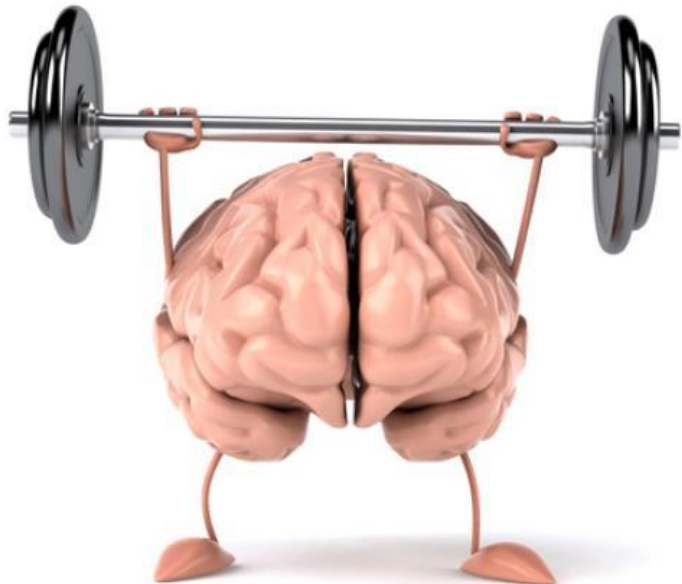
Meet or Exceed Benchmark

What were the 2 areas your student scored the HIGHEST?

What were the 2 areas your student scored the LOWEST?

BUILD, STRENGTHEN, PREPARE!

Skills Insight



Offers descriptions of performance in each measure skill

Provides suggestions for students to improve upon and develop skills

Personalized SAT and PSAT practice recommendations on Khan Academy

THERE ARE MANY TEST PREP TOOLS AND OPTIONS



- ✓ Online test prep websites (Lots of FREE options)
- ✓ Take full length practice tests
- ✓ Test prep apps (Lots of FREE options)
- ✓ Official prep books
- ✓ Partner w/parents as study partners
- ✓ Take a class or get tutoring
- ✓ Increase your vocabulary

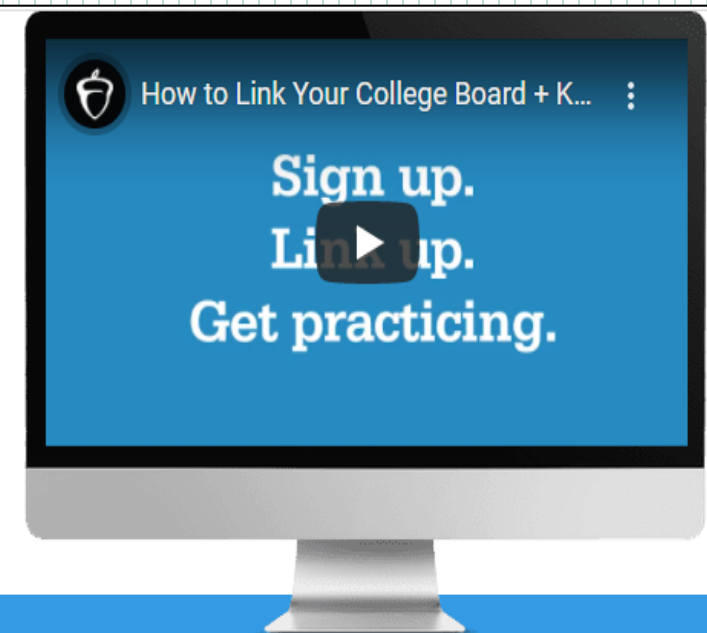
The Official SAT Test Prep Platform: IT'S FREE!



- Most NAHS students already have an account from their Math class.
- Use a personal email address when creating account
- Sync PSAT scores w/Khan Academy account for targeted practice
- www.khanacademy.org

Get Started in 3 Easy Steps:

1. Create your account on Khan Academy or sign in to your existing account.
2. Agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board accounts.
3. Log in to your College Board account and click **Send**.



Free SAT Practice on Khan Academy is tailored for you, focusing on exactly what you need to practice most.

GET STARTED

Click here for Demo to Link PSAT scores to Khan Academy



WELCOME TO OFFICIAL SAT PRACTICE

Choose your practice schedule

Based on your test date, we'll put together a practice plan to ensure you're ready for the real deal.

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Test scores

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Current skill levels

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Math



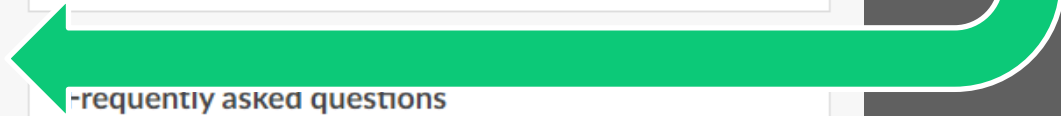
Reading & Writing

You are connected to CollegeBoard.org

We've read in your test results and personalized your [practice recommendations](#) to focus on what you missed.



After you sync your PSAT scores, go to **Practice Recommendations**



[frequently asked questions](#)

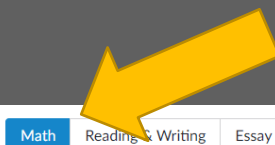
Plan for college

Do you have a [problem](#) or a [sweet idea](#)? Check out our [frequently asked questions](#) first.

KHAN ACADEMY: PRACTICE CONTENT FOCUSES ON THE SKILLS WITH THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH AND TO BOOST SCORES



Math Section Practice



Math Reading & Writing Essay

Your recommendations Overall Math

Skills recommended for you based on your past practice and frequency on the exam

- Table data
- Solving linear equations and linear inequalities
- Center, spread, and shape of distributions
- Timed Mini Section
Unlock by completing tasks

Table data
RECOMMENDED: LAST MISSED ON YOUR PSAT
Start Task

All Math practice

Heart of algebra
These skills focus on linear equations, their graphs, and their applications.

	Practice	How-to examples
Solving linear equations and linear inequalities	Practice	Basic example Harder example
Interpreting linear functions	Practice	Basic example Harder example
Linear equation word problems	Practice	Basic example Harder example
Linear inequality word problems	Practice	Basic example Harder example
...	Practice	Basic example



Reading & Writing Practice



Math Reading & Writing Essay

Your recommendations Overall Reading & Writing

Skills recommended for you based on your past practice and frequency on the exam

- Reading: Science
- Writing: Argument
- Effective language use: Precision and concision
- Timed Mini Section
Unlock by completing tasks

Reading: Science
RECOMMENDED: LAST MISSED ON YOUR PSAT
Start Task

All Reading & Writing practice

Reading
These skills focus on analyzing and identifying the meaning, structure, and purpose of text passages.

	Practice	How-to examples
Reading: Science	Practice	Active reading example
Reading: Literature	Practice	Survey step example
Reading: History	Practice	Active reading example
Reading: Social science	Practice	Survey step example

AFTER PRACTICING, CHECK YOUR PROGRESS...

Official SAT® Practice Dashboard Practice Tips and Strategies **Full Tests** Review

Tests

- Practice test 10
0 of 4 sections complete >
- Practice test 9
0 of 4 sections complete >
- Practice test 8
0 of 4 sections complete >
- Practice test 7
0 of 4 sections complete >
- Practice test 6
0 of 4 sections complete >
- Practice test 5
0 of 4 sections complete >
- Practice test 3
0 of 4 sections complete >

Start Practice test 10

After completing a section, you can stop or review.

65 min	Reading 52 questions	Start this section
35 min	Writing and Language 44 questions Complete previous sections to unlock	
25 min	Math (No calculator) 20 questions Complete previous sections to unlock	
55 min	Math (Calculator OK) 38 questions Complete previous sections to unlock	

Take a Practice Test





APPLEROOUTH PRACTICE TESTS AT NAHS

Tests are scheduled on Saturdays from 9am-1pm on the North Atlanta HS campus

ACT and SAT Practice Tests:

- Full-length practice exams provides a testing experience under test like conditions.
- Students receive a comprehensive score report that identifies strengths and targets areas for improvement (sound familiar? 😊)
- **Highly recommended for:**
 - **Juniors & Seniors** who will be taking an official ACT or SAT this school year
 - **Sophomores & Juniors** who are planning on applying to dual enrollment in the upcoming school year

The SAT/ACT Combo Test:

- Practice test includes questions from both the ACT and SAT.
- Students receive feedback that compares their performance on each section of the two exams .
- Perfect opportunity to experience both tests, discover which test is the best fit for you, and target areas for improvement to help boost your score.
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Applerouth Practice Tests at NAHS

Register Online at applerouth.com/signup



Mock ACT

Saturday, January 28
Event Code: **M521481**



Mock SAT

Saturday, February 4
Event Code: **M521482**



SAT/ACT
Diagnostic Test

Saturday, March 4
Event Code: **M521483**

Upcoming ACT/SAT Events Spring 2023



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Jan 29: Applerouth Practice ACT at NAHS
- Feb 4: Applerouth Practice SAT at NAHS
- Feb 12: Official ACT (last ACT for Dual Enrollment 2023-24 Applicants)
- Mar 4: Applerouth Practice SAT/ACT Combo at NAHS
- Mar 11: Official SAT (last SAT for Dual Enrollment 2023-24 Applicants)
- Mar 22: APS Official SAT School Day for Juniors
- Mar 28: APS Official ACT School Day for Juniors; Pre-ACT for 9th and 10th graders *NEW*
- Apr 15: Official ACT
- May 6: Official SAT
- June 3: Official SAT
- June 10: Official ACT
- July 15: Official ACT

CREATE A TEST PREP PLAN WITH YOUR STUDENT



Setting a Plan for Success

- Research college freshman class profiles to find the range of test scores needed to be competitive in the application process
- Review PSAT score reports w/student
- Map out a timeline for when student will plan to take the official SAT/ACT
- Decide which test prep strategies are the best fit for your student
- Discuss with your student what can help keep him/her motivated to follow thru on their test prep plan?
- Register for official tests via the Collegeboard and ACT websites (registration deadlines are approx. 1 month prior to test date)
- Look for practice test opportunities that are close to your official test dates (and register for those tests)



TEST ACCOMMODATIONS FOR COLLEGEBOARD AND ACT TESTS

Students w/testing accommodations do not automatically receive those accommodations on any of the following tests:

COLLEGEBOARD:
SAT, PSAT, and All AP Exams

ACT:
ACT and Pre-ACT

- CollegeBoard & ACT are two DIFFERENT entities, and each has its own process for reviewing documentation to approve or deny accommodations requests.
- Review process can take 7 weeks or longer
- If your child has approval for standardized accommodations at the school-level through a 504 or IEP, you may request to have those same accommodations for standardized tests with CollegeBoard and/or ACT.
- **CLICK TO DOWNLOAD:** [NAHS ACCOMMODATION REQUEST PROCESS](#)
 - **Section 504 Accommodation Plan Contact:** Venisha Johnson, Ed.S venjohnson@apsk12.org
 - **Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Contact:** Kayla Dinkins, Ed.S kayla.dinkins@apsk12.org

Click to visit the NAHS Counseling Website

<https://tinyurl.com/NAHS-Counseling>



Online Resources:

- CollegeBoard Website: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- ACT Website: <https://www.act.org/>
- Khan Academy: <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- National Merit Scholarship Program: <https://www.nationalmerit.org/>
- NAHS Procedures for Requesting CollegeBoard and/or ACT Test Accommodations: [DOWNLOAD](#)



Q&A