

PSAT Scores

Wadsworth High School

PSAT – Quick Facts

- Per the College Board, the New PSAT measures what you learn in high school and what you need to succeed in college
- Helps students to form a game-plan for success in the college admissions process
- Highly recommended that all Juniors take the exam due to the National Merit Competition. Start taking this exam as early as Freshman year if your school offers it!
- No penalty for incorrect answers
- 4 answer choices
- No Essay

PSAT vs. SAT

- The SAT is about 1 hour longer and includes the “optional” Essay (3 hours and 50 minutes)
- Historically the PSAT has included slightly easier math concepts and no trigonometry
- Both tests include the same question types and sections, except for the essay
- Both tests include 4 answer choices for multiple choice questions and there is NO penalty for guessing

Scoring

- The two sections of the SAT, Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math, are scored on a scale of 160-760 points
- The total score is a sum of the two section scores and ranges from 320 – 1520 points
- College Board also provides test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores in order to provide additional feedback on your readiness level.
 - 3 test scores on a scale of 8-38 points are provided: Reading, Writing and Language, and Math
 - 2 cross-test scores on a scale of 8-38 points are provided based on selected questions in the Reading, Writing and Language, and Math tests.
 - 7 subscores on a scale of 1-15 are provided
 - 2 Reading and Writing and Language subscores: Command of Evidence and Words in Context
 - 2 Writing and Language subscores: Expressions of Ideas and Standard English Conventions
 - 3 Math subscores: Heart of Algebra, Problem Solving and Data Analysis, and Passport to Advanced Math

Who will see your PSAT score?

- Your High School
- Your High School District (in many cases)
- States (in many cases)
- National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC)
- National Hispanic Recognition Program
- National Scholarship Service
- Telluride Seminar Scholarships
- Colleges do not receive scores

Understanding your PSAT Results

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

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Your Section & Composite Scores

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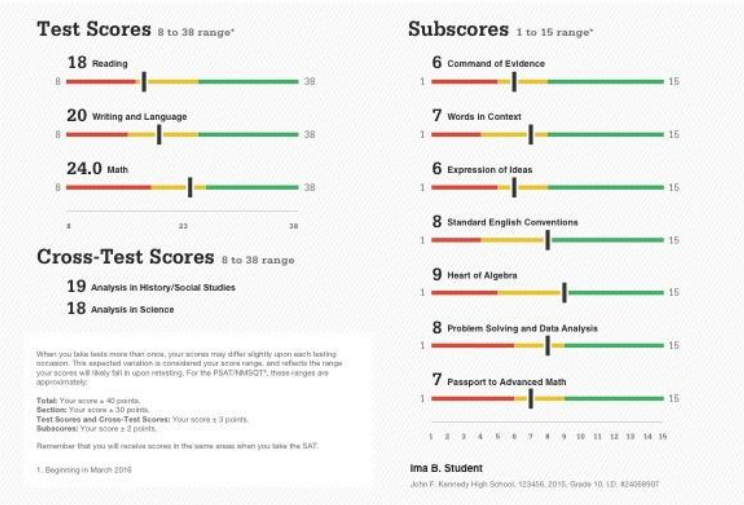
Test Scores, Subscores, and Cross-Test Scores.



The College and Career Readiness Benchmark
 Reaching your grade-level Benchmark means that you are likely on track to be ready to succeed in select first-year, credit-bearing college courses

■ Need to strengthen skills ■ Approaching Benchmark ■ Meets or exceeds Benchmark

*The red, yellow, and green ranges in the test scores and subscores reflect your areas of strengths and weaknesses compared to the typical performance of students in your grade.



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National Merit Info

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 scores of some 1.5 million test-takers (usually high school juniors) who meet program entry requirements. For more information, please visit: 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
 Attn: Scholarship Administration
 1560 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

The asterisk () next to your Selection Index means you do not meet entry requirements for the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. See your responses to entry requirements for the right.

NOTE: Students leaving high school and entering college in 2016 or later must take the PSAT/NMSQT again in their 3rd 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:
2018

*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.

Next Steps: Some ideas on what you can do to improve

Your Scores: Next Steps

Your score indicates that you are **already likely able to:**

Reading Test **18** (8 to 38)

Improve your skills by focusing on:

- 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.
- 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 **20** (8 to 38)

- 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.
- 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 **24.0** (8 to 38)

- 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.
- 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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Your answers:



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Your Question-Level Feedback

Reading						Writing and Language						Math Test – Calculator						Math Test – No Calculator						
Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score	
1	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■			1	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC		1	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA		1	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA		
2	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	COE		2	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL, COE		2	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD		2	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA		
3	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC		3	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL, WIC		3	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	HSS	3	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA		
4	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■			4	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC		4	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA		4	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA		
5	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC		5	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL, WIC		5	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD		5	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM	HSS	
6	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■			6	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC		6	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA		6	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA		
7	C	B	■ ■ ■ ■	COE		7	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL, COE		7	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD		7	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
8	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■			8	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL		8	C	A	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	SCI	8	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■			
9	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■			9	B	D	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL		9	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	SCI	9	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
10	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS	10	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC		10	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		10	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM	SCI	
11	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC	HSS	11	A	B	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC		11	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA		11	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA		
12	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	COE	HSS	12	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL, COE	HSS	12	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD		12	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
13	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	COE	HSS	13	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL, COE	HSS	13	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		13	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
14	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS	14	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC		14	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	SCI	14	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
15	A	B	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS	15	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL	HSS	15	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA		15	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
16	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS	16	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC		16	C	B	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		16	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
17	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC	HSS	17	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL, WIC	HSS	17	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA		17	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
18	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS	18	C	B	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL	HSS	18	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	HSS	18	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
19	D	B	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI	19	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC		19	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	HSS	19	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
20	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC	SCI	20	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL, WIC	HSS	20	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		20	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
21	A	C	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI	21	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC		21	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	HSS	21	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
22	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC	SCI	22	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC		22	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD		22	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
23	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	COE	SCI	23	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC		23	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA		23	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
24	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI	24	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL, WIC	SCI	24	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	SCI	24	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
25	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI	25	C	B	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC		25	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		25	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
26	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI	26	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL		26	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	SCI	26	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
27	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	COE	SCI	27	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL, COE	SCI	27	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	SCI	27	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
28	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI	28	C	A	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC	SCI	28	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	SCI	28	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
29	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS	29	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC		29	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD		29	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
30	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS	30	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL	SCI	30	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	HSS	30	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
31	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	COE	HSS	31	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL, COE	SCI	31	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HQA		31	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
32	A	C	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC	HSS	32	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL, WIC	SCI	32	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	HSS	32	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
33	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS	33	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC		33	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD		33	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
34	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	COE	HSS	34	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL, COE		34	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD		34	C	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
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36	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS	36	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC		36	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD		36	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
37	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS	37	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL		37	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD		37	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
38	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC	HSS	38	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL, WIC		38	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD		38	A	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
39	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI	39	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC		39	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD		39	D	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
40	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	COE	SCI	40	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	ECL, COE		40	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD		40	B	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PAM		
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National Merit Scholarship Competition

- Sponsored By the National Merit Scholarship Corporation
- A very rigorous competition. Out of around 1.5 million entrants, about 50,000 qualify for recognition. Around 9,700 students receive an award.
- The Selection Index is different for each state and is based on the student scores within that state.
- Only Juniors can enter the competition. Sophomores and Freshmen do not qualify.
- Whether or not you receive a scholarship, it is an honor to be commended, named a semifinalist, or a finalist.
- To enter National Merit Scholarship Corporations competitions, you must:
 - 1. be a full-time high school student;
 - 2. graduate the following year and enroll in college full-time;
 - 3. complete grades 9-12 in four years; and
 - 4. be a U.S. citizen.

Now that I understand my score, what's next?

1. Visit CollegeBoard.org and take a look at the average SAT or ACT score for students who were accepted to your dream school(s). How far are you from that goal?
2. Consider why you may not have done as well as you'd hoped. Have you previously studied with a tutor for the SAT or ACT? Was the test more arduous than you expected?
3. Make a game plan! Most students take the SAT or ACT 2 to 3 times and work with a tutor to prep for the exam.

TIMELINE FOR SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Sophomores

- ✓ **Speak to counselors about how you can enroll for the PSAT/EXPLORE. Your junior year, the PSAT will double as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test or NMSQT.**
 - Highly suggested in your Junior year but encouraged in Sophomore year.

- ✓ **Anticipate junior year SAT/ ACT tests**
 - Junior year is when most students take the SAT/ACT for the first time.

- ✓ **Start a college search**
 - By starting to think about what schools you are interested in, you can start to plan on how to achieve the SAT scores and/or ACTs scores particular schools are looking for.

TIMELINE FOR SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Juniors

- ✓ Strive for the most competitive GPA and take a challenging course load.
- ✓ Colleges view extracurricular commitments favorably- quality over quantity.
- ✓ Take the PSAT (October) because this is the year it REALLY counts.
- ✓ Begin narrowing down your choices of colleges.
- ✓ Start your SAT and ACT Preparation as early as the summer before your Junior Fall semester and by the latest your Junior Spring semester.
- ✓ Register for your SATs and ACTs- avoid late fees and have the opportunity to choose your testing location early.

Resources For Students

- School Counselors
- Khan Academy- Partnered with College Board to offer free practice sessions and informational videos.
- Visit www.khanacademy.org to sign up
- Online test prep: practice test questions
- Tutoring

In Closing...

Review your scores and utilize resources!

Prepare for the ACT and SAT!

See your School Counselor with any questions!