

A PARENT TUTORIAL

Understanding 2019 PSAT/NMSQT Results

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 back. Use the information to help you interpret your student's PSAT/NMSQT® Score Report.

YOUR SCORE TODAY

Your Total Score

960 | 320 to 1520

You are in the **51st** percentile

You scored equal to or higher than 51% of students

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score

430 | 160 to 760

You are in the **31st** percentile

Your Math Score

530 | 160 to 760

You are in the **69th** percentile

Your Test Scores*

Reading **23** | 8 to 38

Math **26.5** | 8 to 38

Writing and Language **20** | 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 NMSQT Selection Index.

psat.org/myscore

Go online for your full report

Ima, this was your score when you took the test; it is not a measure of how far you can grow!

+130 pts

Students with scores like yours increased their performance from the PSAT/NMSQT® to the SAT® by 130 points after 10 or more hours of personalized practice on Khan Academy®.

What are Ima's scores?

Ima's Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score is 430, and her Math score is 530. 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 Ima's score percentiles?

Since Ima is in the 11th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 11th graders in the nation. Ima scored as well as or better in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing than 31% of a nationally representative group of juniors. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 69% of a nationally representative group of juniors. Additional percentiles are available in Ima's online score report.

How can Ima see her full report?

Ima is directed to psat.org/myscore to see her full score report, learn how to prepare for the SAT®, and see her potential for AP® coursework.

YOUR PATH TOMORROW

Here's what else is waiting for you online:

- 1 Course Recommendations**
Congrats! Your scores show you're ready to succeed in AP® courses. Talk to your counselor about signing up.
- 2 Scholarship Opportunities**
Learn more about the National Merit® Scholarship Program. Also, earn College Board Opportunity Scholarships just by planning for college.
- 3 Free Khan Academy SAT Prep**
Create a personalized SAT study plan based on the questions you missed on the PSAT/NMSQT.

SAT Don't forget!
Register to take the SAT ahead of college application deadlines in spring of junior year and fall of senior year.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

Your NMSC Selection Index
139

NMSC uses a Selection Index score based on PSAT/NMSQT scores as an initial screen of students who enter its scholarship programs. The Selection Index score is double the sum of your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

Eligibility Information
You meet entry requirements for the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program and your Selection Index score will be considered among 1.6 million program entrants.

Entry Requirements
Information you provided on your answer sheet:
High school student: **YES**
Year to complete high school and enroll full time in college: **2021**
Total years to be spent in grades 9-12: **4**

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 2021 competition, NMSC will consider the 2019 PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores of some 1.6 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 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 60201-4897
Include your name and home address along with your high school name, address, and six-digit code number.

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Score Report

What are Ima's next steps?

When Ima accesses her full score report at psat.org/myscore, she'll also be able to see her potential for AP coursework, learn more about scholarship opportunities, and connect to free, personalized practice on Khan Academy®.

Will Ima be able to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program?

Ima has an NMSC Selection Index score of 139, which is double the sum of her Reading Test (23), Writing and Language Test (20), and Math Test (26.5) scores. This Selection Index score is used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation to designate students to be recognized in its National Merit® Scholarship Program.

If an asterisk had appeared next to Ima's score, it would mean she did not meet entry requirements for the program or her score was provided for guidance purposes only and would not be considered in the National Merit Scholarship Program. In this case, Ima meets entry requirements and will be recognized if her score places her among the 50,000 high scorers. For entry requirements and information on the steps in the competition, see the 2019 *PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide* or visit www.nationalmerit.org.

When should Ima take the SAT?

As a junior, 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 psat.org/myscore.

How can Ima learn from her answers?

Using her score report with her PSAT/NMSQT test booklet, Ima can see the actual questions, correct answers, and difficulty level alongside her own answers. She can use her online score report to review the questions she answered incorrectly or omitted, and to see detailed answer explanations.

NOTE: For students at schools participating in the test administration study or testing on Saturday, October 19, the actual questions, answers, and answer explanations won't be provided, and the score report won't include the correct answer column.

Your Question-Level Feedback

QUESTIONS OVERVIEW

Section	Total Questions	Correct Answers	Incorrect Answers	Omitted Answers
READING	47	21	25	1
WRITING AND LANGUAGE	44	17	26	1
MATH - CALCULATOR	31	15	14	2
MATH - NO CALCULATOR	17	10	7	0

KEY
 ✓ Correct
 ✗ Omitted
 U Unavailable
 X Multi-Choice/Incorrect
 ■ Easy Question
 ■ Medium Question
 ■ Hard Question
 ■ Easy Question/Missed?

Section	Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty
READING	1	C	A	Easy
	2	B	A	Medium
	3	B	✓	Easy
	4	B	A	Medium
	5	C	✓	Easy
	6	D	✓	Easy
	7	B	✓	Easy
	8	A	✓	Easy
	9	D	✓	Easy
	10	A	✓	Easy
	11	D	C	Medium
	12	D	B	Medium
	13	D	A	Medium
	14	A	X	Medium
WRITING AND LANGUAGE	15	C	B	Medium
	16	B	C	Medium
	17	D	C	Medium
	18	B	D	Medium
	19	A	✓	Easy
	20	C	✓	Easy
	21	B	D	Medium
	22	D	✓	Easy
	23	B	D	Medium
	24	D	✓	Easy
	25	C	✓	Easy
	26	B	A	Medium
	27	B	C	Medium
	28	A	C	Medium
29	D	A	Medium	
30	B	A	Medium	
31	D	✓	Easy	
32	A	✓	Easy	
33	C	✓	Easy	
34	A	B	Medium	
35	A	B	Medium	
36	C	✓	Easy	
37	B	C	Medium	
38	C	D	Medium	
39	C	✓	Easy	
40	C	✓	Easy	
41	B	✓	Easy	
42	B	✓	Easy	
43	A	B	Medium	
44	A	✓	Easy	
45	A	C	Medium	
46	D	A	Medium	
47	C	B	Medium	
MATH - CALCULATOR	1	C	✓	Easy
	2	A	✓	Easy
	3	B	✓	Easy
	4	D	✓	Easy
	5	C	✓	Easy
	6	A	✓	Easy
	7	B	✓	Easy
	8	C	B	Medium
	9	A	✓	Easy
	10	D	C	Medium
	11	D	✓	Easy
	12	A	✓	Easy
	13	B	✓	Easy
	14	C	✓	Easy
MATH - NO CALCULATOR	15	D	✓	Easy
	16	B	✓	Easy
	17	D	✓	Easy
	18	B	✓	Easy
	19	C	✓	Easy
	20	D	✓	Easy
	21	A	✓	Easy
	22	A	✓	Easy
	23	C	✓	Easy
	24	D	✓	Easy
	25	C	✓	Easy
	26	A	✓	Easy
	27	A	✓	Easy
	28	B	✓	Easy
29	D	✓	Easy	
30	B	✓	Easy	
31	B	✓	Easy	
32	B	✓	Easy	
33	D	✓	Easy	
34	D	✓	Easy	
35	D	✓	Easy	
36	B	A	Medium	
37	C	D	Medium	
38	A	B	Medium	
39	C	✓	Easy	
40	D	A	Medium	
41	D	B	Medium	
42	A	✓	Easy	
43	C	B	Medium	
44	B	C	Medium	
45	D	✓	Easy	
46	D	✓	Easy	
47	D	✓	Easy	

Tip: A great way to start improving: check out the easy questions you missed first.

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