PSAT Scores 2017

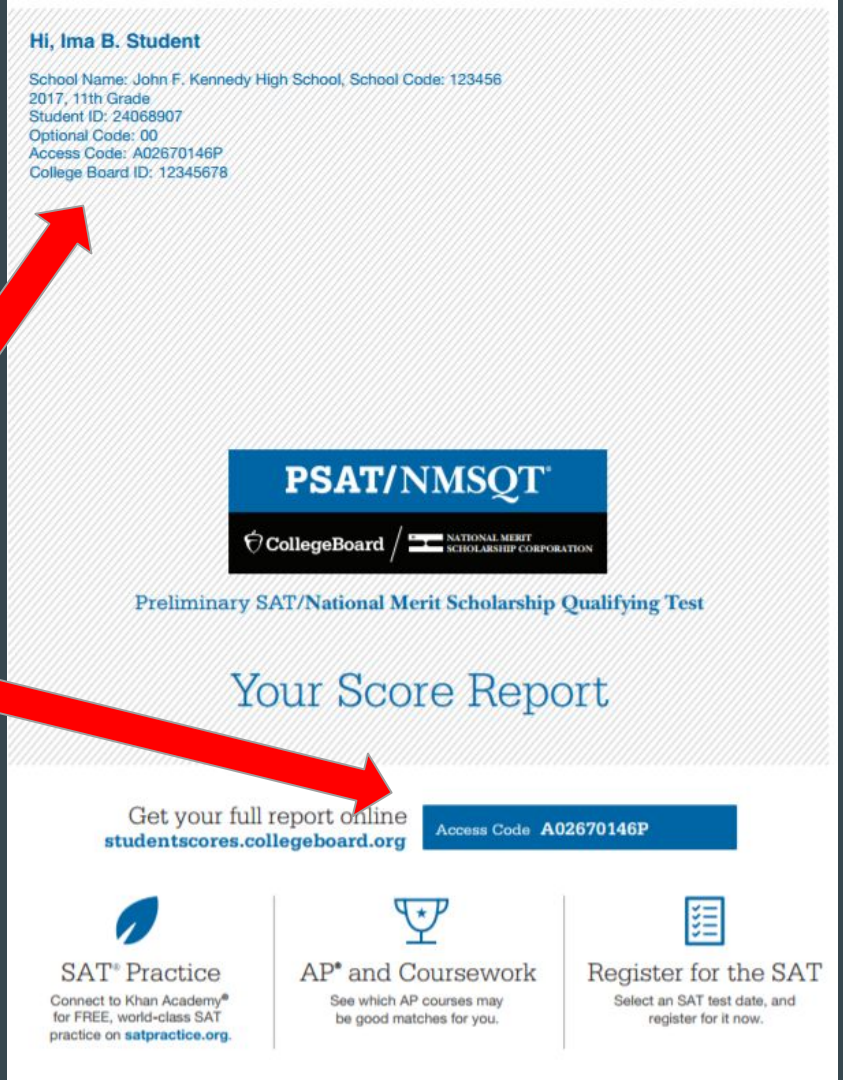
Understanding Your Score Report

The Details

- Review the score reports we've shared with you to get a basic understanding of where you stand
- Go online to view your reports in order to get the most information:
  - Color-coded score reporting
  - AP Potential information
  - Detailed information about your strengths and areas of need

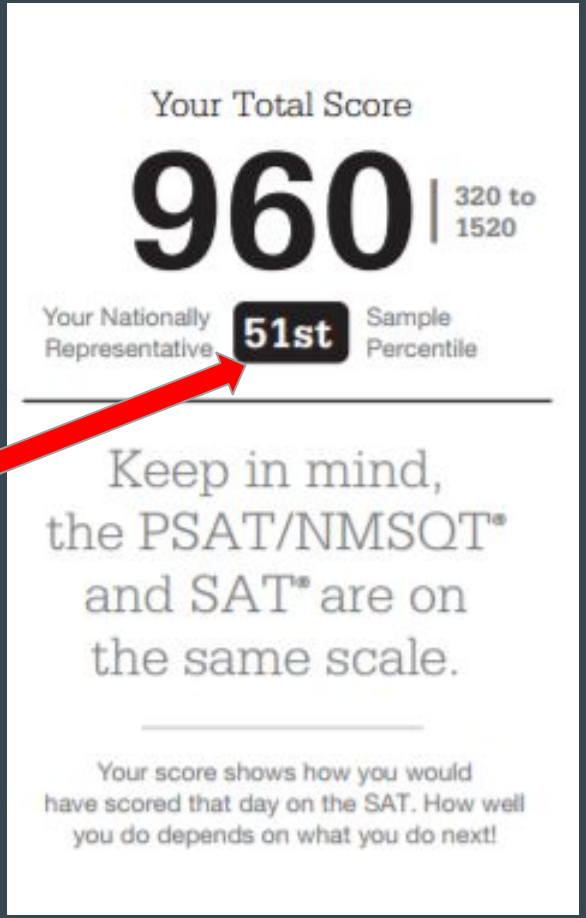
How to Read the Score Report

- We will review your score report sections on the next few slides
- The first page has your basic identifying information
- **Access Code**: this is important for when you log on to your College Board account. This code will give you access to your scores.



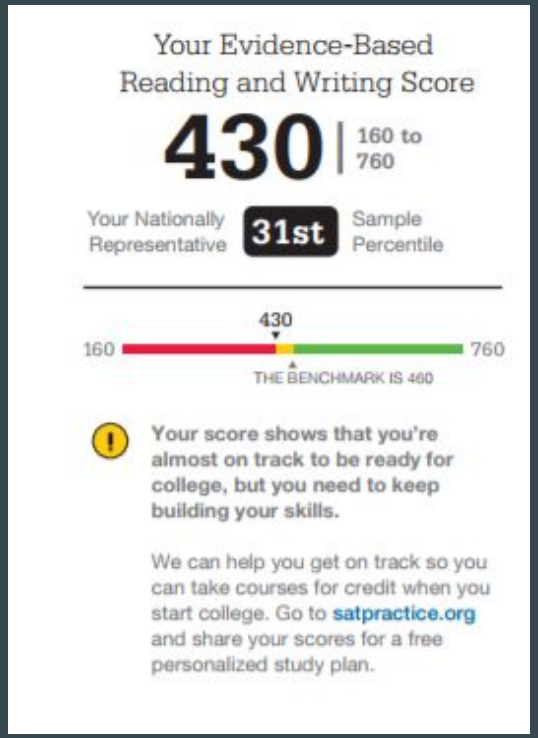
Total Score

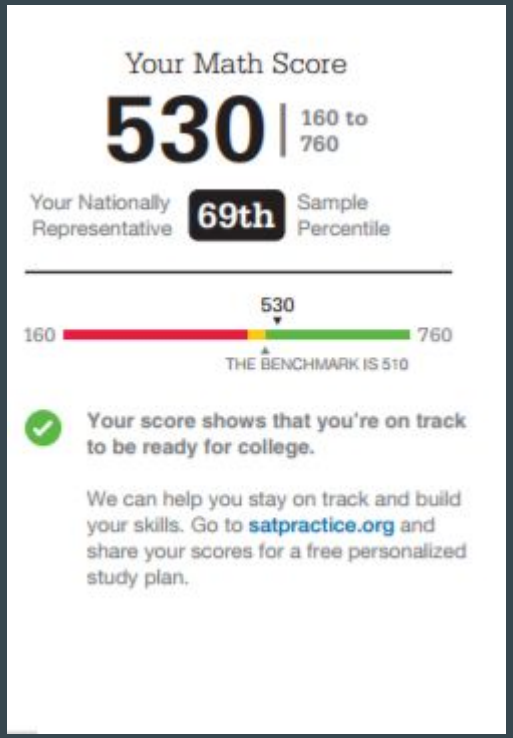
- Combines English & Math Scores
- Range of 320-1520
- Percentile
  - Example: Ima B. Student scored as well as or better than 51% of students in grade that took this test nationally.
- The PSAT/NMSQT and SAT are scored on a common scale
  - If Ima had taken the SAT instead of the PSAT/NMSQT on the same test date, she would have received the same score.

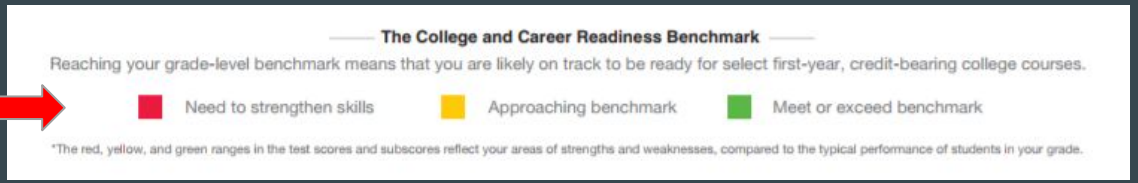


Section Scores

- Range of 160–760 for each of two sections.
  - *Evidence-Based Reading and Writing* combines the scores for the Reading Test and the Writing and Language Test.
  - *Math* score is derived from the calculator and no-calculator portions.
- College and Career Readiness Benchmark
  - Shows if you are on track for college

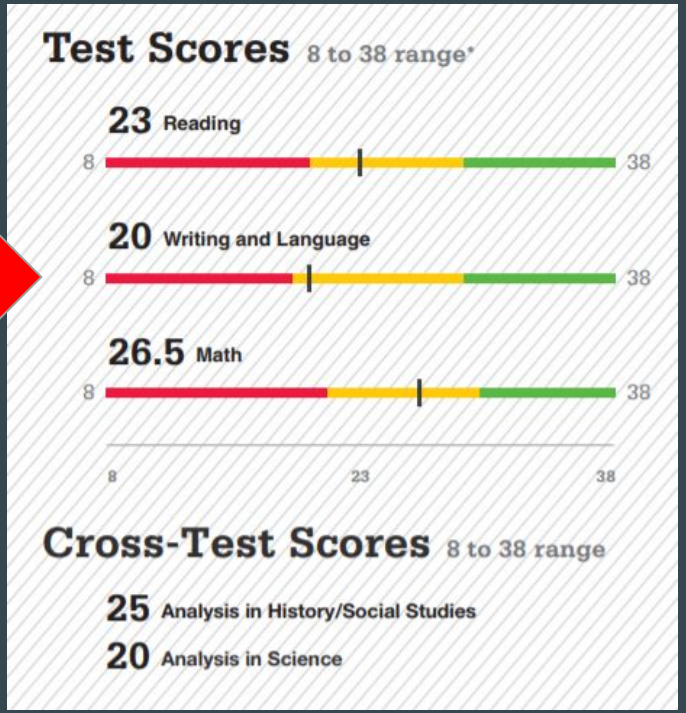






Test Scores

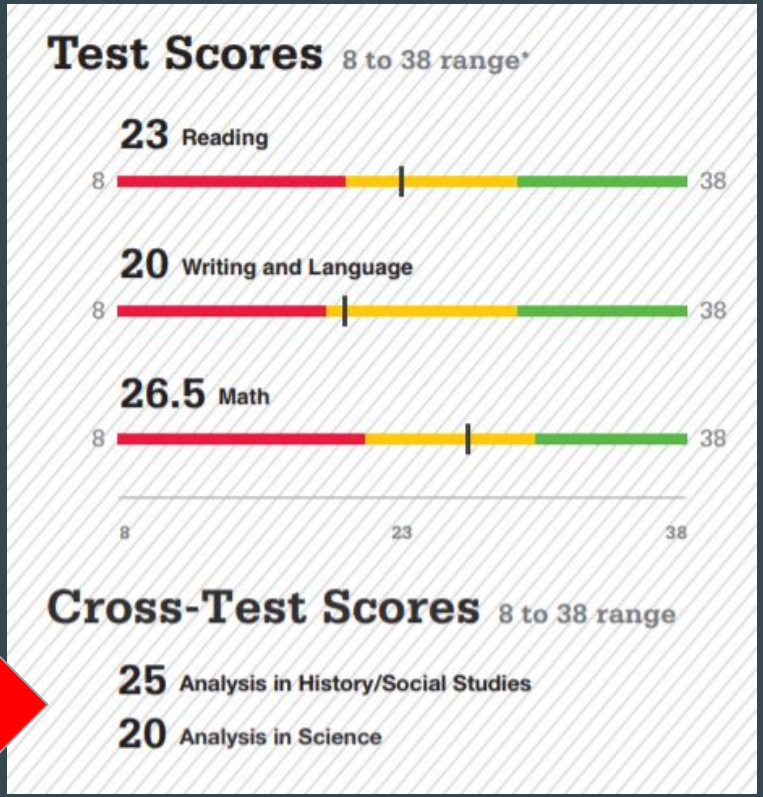
- Single snapshot and could vary each time you take the test. The range for the following test scores is 8–38:
  - Reading
  - Writing and Language
  - Math
- Use the red, yellow, and green scale to gauge your strengths and areas for improvement.



Cross Test Scores

The range for cross-test scores is also 8–38. These scores represent student performance on questions across the three tests and show a student's strengths in the following domains:

- Analysis in History/Social Studies
- Analysis in Science



Sub Scores

- Subscores in the range of 1–15
- Offer feedback on student performance in the following skill areas:
  - Command of Evidence
  - Words in Context
  - Expression of Ideas
  - Standard English Conventions
  - Heart of Algebra
  - Problem Solving and Data Analysis
  - Passport to Advanced Math
- The scale shows strengths and areas that need improvement
- Log in to your account for more details about each subscore.

National Merit Scholarship

- Double the sum of the 3 test scores
- If there is a * next to the index number the student does not meet entry requirements
- In this example, Ima meets requirements and will be recognized if her score places her among the top 50,000 however this score most likely will not receive recognition.

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 2019 competition, NMSC will consider the 2017 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 (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 60201-4897

Include your name and home address along with your high school name, address, and six-digit code number.

Your NMSC Selection Index

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

Eligibility Information

You meet entry requirements for the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program and your Selection Index score will be considered among 1.6 million program entrants.

If your Selection Index places you among the 50,000 high scorers who qualify for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition, you will be notified next September when qualifying Selection Index scores will be made available.

Entry Requirements

(Information you provided on your answer sheet)

High school student:
YES

Year to complete high school and enroll full time in college:
2019

Total years to be spent in grades 9–12:
4

U.S. Citizenship:
YES

Your Next Steps

- Visit studentscores.collegboard.org and review more detailed results.
- Review questions missed by using the score report and the test booklet
  - Answer explanations are online
  - Test booklets were distributed to students in their 2nd hour class
- Check for your AP Potential in order to plan for next year's schedule.
- Connect your PSAT scores to Khan Academy for SAT practice (khanacademy.org/sat)
- Take practice exams, scan your answers, and get immediate feedback on how you scored.
- Register for the SAT or the ACT exam.

Your Scores: Next Steps

Additional skills and improvement suggestions can be found in your online score report.

Reading Test

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:

- Read a moderately challenging passage closely to draw a reasonable inference
- Determine the best textual evidence for an inference when both evidence and inference are relatively obvious and direct (e.g., a clearly stated fact as evidence for a simple inference)
- Determine the central idea or theme of a moderately challenging passage

Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:

- When you are reading complex texts, look closely at the key information and ideas, and then use them to help you determine the central idea or theme the authors want to convey.
- When you read, think about how a particular part of a text, such as a sentence, relates to and furthers the purpose of the text as a whole. Consider, for example, whether a certain detail illustrates a larger idea or provides a fact in support of it.

Writing and Language Test

- Use supporting information to achieve a simple purpose (e.g., providing a short list of examples introduced by "for instance")
- Recognize and correct an obviously inappropriate shift in verb tense (e.g., using present tense when the context clearly calls for past tense)
- Distinguish between singular and plural possessive nouns and between plural and possessive nouns

- In drafting and revising, use vocabulary knowledge and an understanding of particular contexts to make effective word and phrase choices.
- In revising, eliminate wordiness or redundancy within a sentence, such as when adjectives with the same meaning or very similar meanings (e.g., "fast" and "quick") are used to describe the same thing.

Math Test

- Solve a linear equation in one variable
- Identify a key feature of one representation (graph, equation, table, etc.) of a linear relationship based on information about a different representation
- Factor a monomial from a polynomial expression
- Factor a trinomial into two binomials

- Use function notation to represent dependent relationships.
- Write radical expressions in equivalent forms using fractional exponents.
- Add, subtract, multiply, and divide radical expressions.
- Use the inverse relationship between roots and exponents to solve equations.