



PSAT: How to Interpret Your Score



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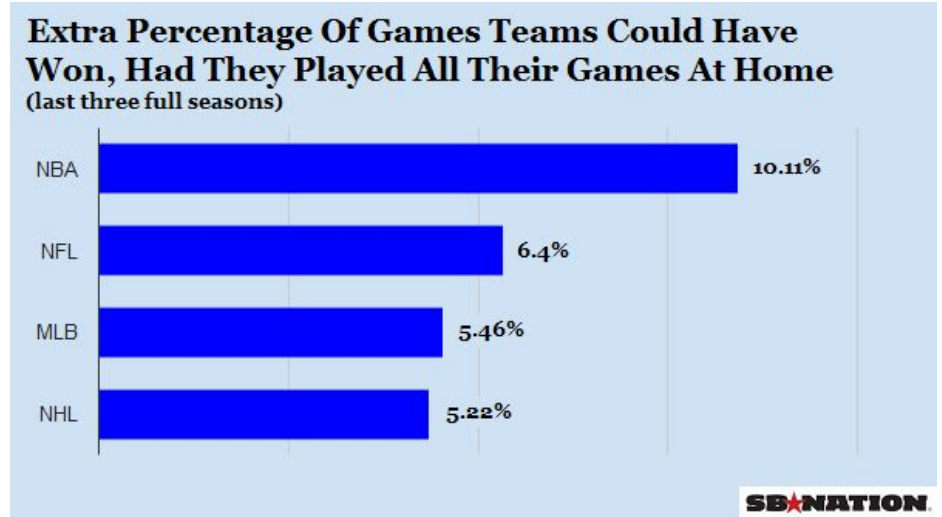
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When it comes to performance, how do we get an advantage?



Turn and Talk

1. Why are teams more likely to win at home?
2. If an athlete has never played in an arena before, how might this affect her/his play?
3. How does this apply to test-taking?



Why the PSAT Matters

PSAT is short for Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, meaning it's a precursor to the SAT.

This practice allows you to:

- Identify subjects and skills that you are ace-ing, and ones that require more review
- Know what to expect: The format and style of the exam mirrors the SAT
- Reflect on the experience and make a game plan for the real deal
 - Did you get thirsty?
 - Were there distractions?
 - Were you sleepy?
 - Making note of all these feelings planning accordingly next time will set you up for success

Scoring well on the PSAT is not only an indication that you're on track for college, but it also is the requisite step to be considered for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

To be considered, a student must:

1. Take the PSAT/NMSQT no later than junior year of high school
2. Be enrolled in high school and on-track to graduate and enroll in college
3. Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident

Awards:

- 50,000 students with the highest PSAT scores will qualify for Recognition
- Two-thirds of the highest scorers will qualify to receive a Letter of Commendation
- One-third of the highest scorers will be named Semi-finalists
- 15,000 students will be awarded as Finalists



**NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

National Hispanic Recognition

Every year, the NHRP recognizes about **5,000 Hispanic/Latino juniors** who take the PSAT/NMSQT.

This is an academic honor that can be included on college applications (**and your RaiseMe portfolio!**)

To be considered, you must:

- Take the PSAT/NMSQT in October of your junior year
- Be at least one-quarter Hispanic/Latino
- Achieve a minimum score, which varies each year, on the exam
- Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher by middle of junior year

Check out the website for more information:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scholarships-and-recognition/national-hispanic-recognition-program>

Exam Overview

Sections

Evidence-Based Reading and Writing

A combination of the Reading, Writing, and Language Tests

Math

A combination of the Calculator and Non-Calculator Math Tests.

Scoring

<i>Section</i>	<i>Score Range</i>
Evidence-Based Reading/ Writing	160-760
+ Math	160-760
= Total Score	320-1520

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National Averages (2017)

Top 50% = 950-1060 range

Top 25% = 1070-1200 range

Top 10% = 1210-1520 range

Total Scores

Below Average



Interpreting Your Score

Percentile

An indicator of how you rank against all other test-takers in the nation.
The higher the percentage, the better your performance.

College Benchmark

The scale indicates how ready you are for college-level coursework in that subject area.

Green = On-track

Red = Needs improvement

Your Evidence-Based
Reading and Writing Score

430 | 160 to 760

Your Nationally Representative **31st** Sample Percentile



Your scores indicate you are close to being on track for college readiness, but you need to continue to strengthen your skills.

Let's get you back on track, so you won't have to take noncredit courses in college. You have free, personalized recommendations waiting for you on satpractice.org.

Your Total Score

960 | 320 to 1520

Your Nationally Representative **51st** Sample Percentile

Keep in mind,
the PSAT/NMSQT®
and SAT® are on
the same scale.

Your score shows you how you would have scored that day on the SAT. How well you do depends on what you do next!

Your Math Score

530 | 160 to 760

Your Nationally Representative **69th** Sample Percentile



You are on track for college readiness.

Stay on track and continue your progress. Start now with your free, personalized recommendations waiting for you on satpractice.org.

Interpreting Your Score

Command of Evidence

Matching answers to specific lines from a reading passage.

Words in Context

Matching words from a passage to their definition.

Expression of Ideas

Revising a sentence to make it better.

Standard English Conventions

Grammar and punctuation.

Heart of Algebra

Algebraic expressions, equations, and word problems.

Problem Solving and Data Analysis

Interpretation of mathematical expressions, graphs, and data.

Passport to Advanced Math

Higher-level math questions like functions and quadratic equations.

Subscores 1 to 15 range*

8 Command of Evidence



5 Words in Context



7 Expression of Ideas



7 Standard English Conventions



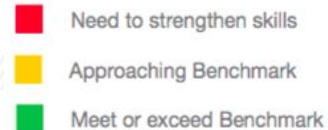
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Interpreting Your Score



Think and Share

1. Is this student stronger in math or reading/writing?
2. What specific skills should the student work on before taking the SAT?
3. What can the student do to get more practice in the skill areas that challenge him or her?

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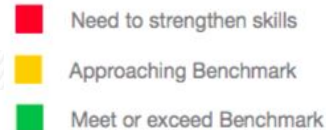
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In Your Own Words

1. Based on your overall performance, what are you most proud of?
2. How do you feel about your math score?
3. How do you feel about your evidence-based reading and writing score?
4. Based on the score breakdown, what skills are your strength? What courses can you take to challenge yourself further in that area?
5. Which skills would you like to improve? What courses can you take to get more practice in these area?
6. What went well on test day that you want to replicate when you take the SAT?

Be sure to link your PSAT report to Khan Academy to get customized practice that's tailored to you
www.satpractice.org

RaiseMe Micro-Scholarships

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or PreACT

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PSAT or PreACT**

Add

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Log in to your [RaiseMe](#) account to see the full list of awarding colleges!

PSAT Micro-Scholarships

Add your PSAT score to your RaiseMe portfolio!

Test Scores

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Test Month * Test Year *










Scores *

Writing & Language Math
Score range: 160-760 Score range: 160-760

PSAT score of 980

86 Micro-Scholarships earned
34 minutes













21 Schools You've Earned From

 \$7,000	 \$200	 \$500
 \$670	 \$300	 \$250
 \$1,000	 \$1,000	 \$750

Took the PSAT

142 Micro-Scholarships earned
34 minutes

13 Schools You've Earned From

 \$100	 \$500	 \$500
 \$150	 \$500	 \$300
 \$2,000	 \$500	 \$1,000
 \$800	 \$2,000	 \$150



Congrats!

