# A PARENT TUTORIAL » UNDERSTANDING 2015 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 next page. Use the corresponding information to help you interpret your student's PSAT/NMSQT Score Report.

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<td>18 Reading</td>
<td>6 Grammar</td>
<td>Ima's Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score is 380 and Math is 480. In Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Ima's score is approaching the benchmark (explained on the report), 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.</td>
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<td>20 Writing and Language</td>
<td>7 Word Knowledge</td>
<td>Since Ima is in the 10th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 10th-graders in the nation. Ima scored as well as or better in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing than 18 percent of a nationally representative group of sophomores. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 47 percent of a nationally representative group of sophomores. Additional percentiles are available in Ima's online score report.</td>
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<td>24.0 Math</td>
<td>8 Mathematical Practices</td>
<td>The PSAT/NMSQT® and SAT are scored on a common scale; therefore if Ima had taken the SAT instead of the PSAT/NMSQT on the same test date, she would have received the same score. When Ima takes the SAT, she will likely have had additional learning from school and practice. Her PSAT/NMSQT results can help Ima focus her efforts in high school to be better prepared for the SAT.</td>
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### Score Report

**Test Scores**: 1 to 38 range

- 18 Reading
- 20 Writing and Language
- 24.0 Math

**Cross-Test Scores**: 6 to 32 range

- 19 Analyze in History/Social Studies
- 19 Analyze in Science

**Subscores**: 1 to 15 range

- 6 Grammar
- 7 Word Knowledge
- 8 Mathematical Practices
- 9 Algebra I
- 7 Passport to Advanced Math
- 5 Problem Solving and Data Analysis
- 6 Advanced English Language
- 6 Expression of Ideas
- 6 Production of Writing

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**Ima B. Student**

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<th>National Percentile</th>
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<td>Your Total Score</td>
<td>860</td>
<td>480</td>
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<td>Your Math Score</td>
<td>480</td>
<td>180</td>
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<tr>
<td>Your Reading Score</td>
<td>380</td>
<td>280</td>
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Keep in mind, the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT are on the same scale.

Your score shows how you would have scored that day on the SAT. This could vary depending on what day you take it.

The College and Career Readiness Benchmark:

Reaching your grade-level benchmark means that you are likely on track to be ready to succeed in college-level courses and careers that require college-level skills.

- Need to Strengthen Skills
- Approaching Benchmark
- Ready or Exceeded Benchmark

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*I have used the sample ranges in this best case and subscores within your actual strengths and weaknesses, which are different from those in this real and unusual step in students on your grade.*