

PSAT Scores... Now What?



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Understanding Your PSAT/ NMSQT Results

4 Major Parts of Your PSAT/NMSQT Results

Your Scores

Your Skills

Your Answers

Next Steps

3 Test Sections

Critical Reading

Mathematics

Writing Skills

Next Steps

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Your Scores

Score

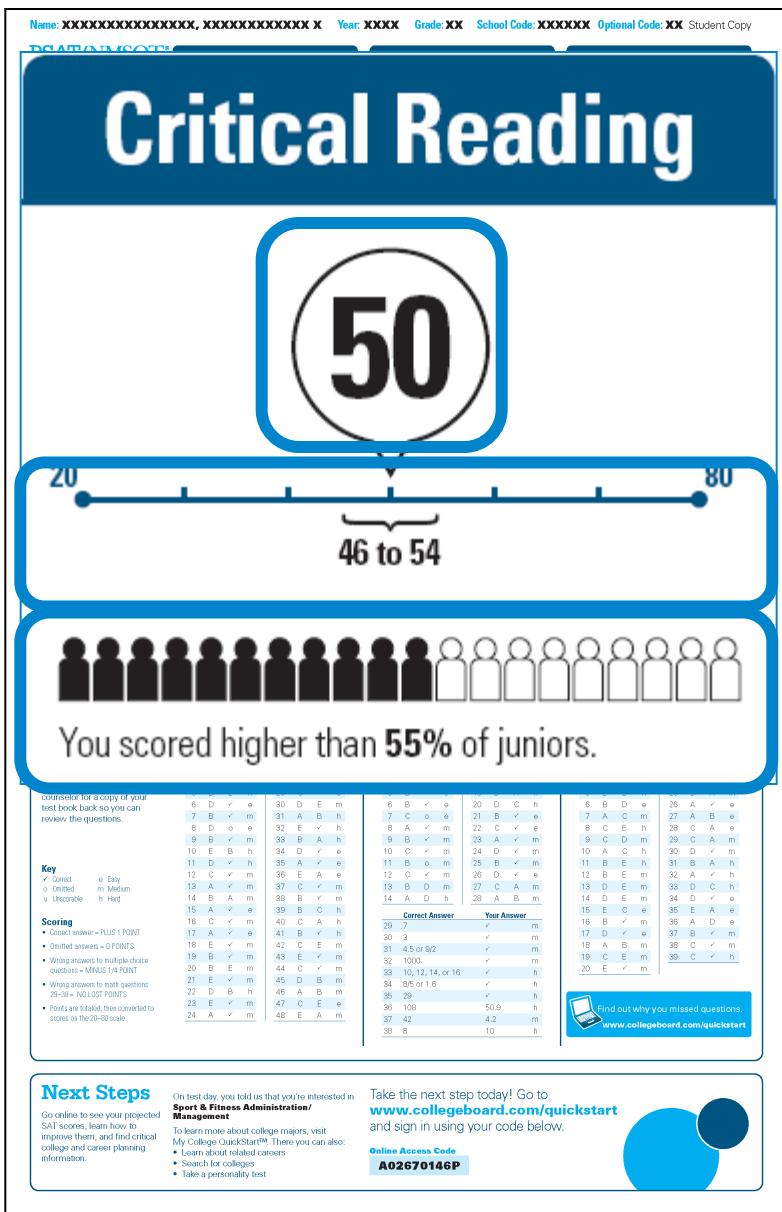
You can see your projected SAT score online in My College QuickStart (www.collegeboard.com/quickstart).

Score Range

Percentile

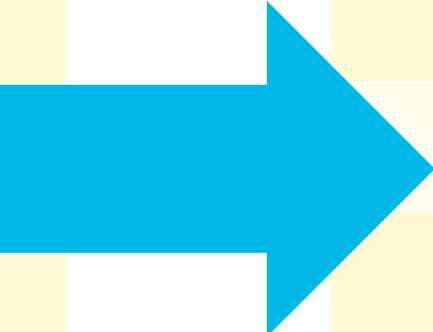
If you are a junior, your scores are compared to those of other juniors.

If you are a sophomore or younger student, your scores are compared to those of sophomores.



PSAT and SAT

How can you use your PSAT score to predict how you would perform on the SAT without any additional preparation? **Simply add a zero to each of your PSAT scores.**

	PSAT SCORE		SAT SCORE
CRITICAL READING	52		520
MATH	51		520
WRITING SKILLS	53		530
TOTAL	156		156

National Merit Scholarship Corporation Information



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Your Selection Index

Sum of scores in critical reading, mathematics and writing skills.

156

Percentile

Compares your performance with college-bound juniors.

47

Entry Requirements

(Information you provided on your answer sheet.)

High school student:

Yes

U.S. citizenship:

Yes

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

2011

Years to be spent in grades 9–12:

4

Eligibility Information

If your Selection Index places you among the 55,000 high scorers who qualify for program recognition, you will be notified next September.

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PSAT/NMSQT®
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Critical Reading

Mathematics

Writing Skills

Your Scores

Section Scores Also see your projected SAT® scores at www.collegeboard.com/quickstart.

Score Range Scores in this range are similar to yours.

Percentile The percentage of test takers who scored

50

46 to 54



72

68 to 76



34

30 to 38



The Selection Index is the sum of your critical reading, mathematics and writing skills scores.

If it has an asterisk, you do not meet all of the eligibility requirements for the competition.

The Percentile compares your performance to that of other college-bound juniors.

The Entry Requirements section displays information you provided on your answer sheet.

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CRITICAL READING & MATHEMATICS

6 of 8 questions correct (1 omitted)

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WRITING & REASONING

1 of 6 questions correct (4 omitted)

Relationships of Sentences & Paragraphs
2 of 6 questions correct (3 omitted)

Questions	Correct Answer	Test Score	Difficulty	Questions	Correct Answer	Test Score	Difficulty	Questions	Correct Answer	Test Score	Difficulty
1	D	✓	e	15	E	D	m	21	C	✓	m
2	E	✓	e	16	E	✓	m	22	B	✓	h
3	E	✓	e	17	A	C	h	23	E	✓	m
4	C	✓	e	18	E	o	h	24	C	✓	m
5	B	✓	e	19	D	A	h	25	D	A	m
6	B	✓	e	20	D	C	h	26	A	✓	e
7	C	o	e	21	B	✓	e	27	A	B	e
8	A	✓	m	22	C	✓	e	28	C	A	e
9	B	✓	m	23	A	✓	m	29	C	A	m
10	C	✓	m	24	D	✓	m	30	D	✓	m
11	B	o	m	25	B	✓	m	31	B	A	h
12	C	✓	m	26	D	✓	e	32	A	✓	h
13	B	D	m	27	C	A	m	33	D	C	h
14	A	D	h	28	A	B	m	34	D	✓	e
Correct Answer				Your Answer				Correct Answer			
29	✓			35	✓			15	E	C	e
30	3			36	✓			16	B	✓	m
31	4.5 or 9/2			37	✓			17	D	✓	e
32	100			38	✓			18	A	B	m
33	10, 12, 14, or 16			39	✓			19	C	E	m
34	6/5 or 1.6			40	✓			20	E	✓	m
35	29										
36	109										
37	42										
38	8										

Find out why you missed questions.
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Your Skills

Your Skills

These skill categories can help you understand your score and focus your study efforts before you take the SAT.

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Determining the Meaning of Words

9 of 15 questions correct (0 omitted)

Author's Craft: Style, Tone & Technique

3 of 5 questions correct (0 omitted)

Reasoning & Inference

8 of 10 questions correct (2 omitted)

Organization & Ideas

2 of 8 questions correct (2 omitted)

Understanding Literary Elements

4 of 10 questions correct (0 omitted)

Number & Operations

12 of 15 questions correct (1 omitted)

Algebra & Functions

5 of 5 questions correct (0 omitted)

Geometry & Measurement

8 of 10 questions correct (2 omitted)

Data, Statistics & Probability

6 of 8 questions correct (1 omitted)



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Grammatical Relationships between Words

3 of 12 questions correct (1 omitted)

Words & Phrases Used to Modify or Compare

1 of 5 questions correct (2 omitted)

Phrases & Clauses

6 of 10 questions correct (2 omitted)

Correctly Formed Sentences

1 of 6 questions correct (4 omitted)

Relationships of Sentences & Paragraphs

2 of 6 questions correct (3 omitted)

See how you did on each skill. The same skills are tested on the SAT.

You can try hundreds of practice questions, organized by skill, online in My College QuickStart (www.collegeboard.com/quickstart).

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PSAT/NMSQT[®] Score Report Plus

Your Scores
Section Scores Also see your projected SAT[®] scores at www.collegeboard.com/quickstart.

Critical Reading 50

Mathematics 72

Writing Skills 34

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Your Answers

You will get your test book back with your PSAT/NMSQT results, so that you can review the questions.

You can also review each test question in My College QuickStart.

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Critical Reading

Your Score
Section Score: 72
Percentile: 87th
Score Range: 68 to 76
You scored higher than 87% of juniors.

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Number & Operations
2 of 15 questions correct (1 omitted)

Algebra & Functions
1 of 5 questions correct (0 omitted)

Geometry & Measurement
2 of 10 questions correct (2 omitted)

Data, Statistics & Probability
1 of 8 questions correct (1 omitted)

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4	C	A	h
5	B	E	h
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8	D	o	e
9	B	✓	m
10	E	B	h
11	D	✓	h
12	C	✓	m
13	A	✓	m
14	B	A	m
15	A	✓	e
16	C	✓	m
17	A	✓	e
18	E	✓	m
19	B	✓	m
20	B	E	m
21	E	✓	m
22	D	B	h
23	E	✓	m
24	A	✓	m

Key
• Correct
o Omitted
u Unavailable

Scoring
• Correct answer
• Omitted answer
• Wrong answer
• Wrong answer
• Wrong answer
• Points are based on scores on the test.

Next
Go online to www.collegeboard.com/quickstart to improve your college and career information.

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Your Answers: Student-Produced Responses

Some of the math problems required you to grid in answers instead of selecting an option. For these questions, you will see the correct answer(s) written out.

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	Correct Answer	Your Answer	
29	7	✓	m
30	3	✓	m
31	4.5 or 9/2	✓	m
32	1000	✓	m
33	10, 12, 14, or 16	✓	h
34	8/5 or 1.6	✓	h
35	29	✓	h
36	108		50.9 h
37	42		4.2 m
38	8		10 h

Your Answer
See test questions and explanations of the answer choices at www.collegeboard.com/quickstart.
You can also ask your counselor for a copy of a test book back so you can review the questions.

Key
 • Correct
 o Omitted
 u Unscorable
 e Easy
 m Medium
 h Hard

Scoring
 • Correct answer = PLUS 1
 • Omitted answer = 0 POINT
 • Wrong answers to multiple-choice questions = MINUS 1/4 POINT
 • Wrong answers to math questions = NO LOSS OF POINT
 • Points are added, then divided by the number of questions to get the score on the 20-80 scale

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Other useful info:

Use the access code on your report to log in to My College QuickStart, a personalized college and career planning kit. There you can:

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- Get a personalized SAT study plan
- Take a personality test to find majors and careers that fit you

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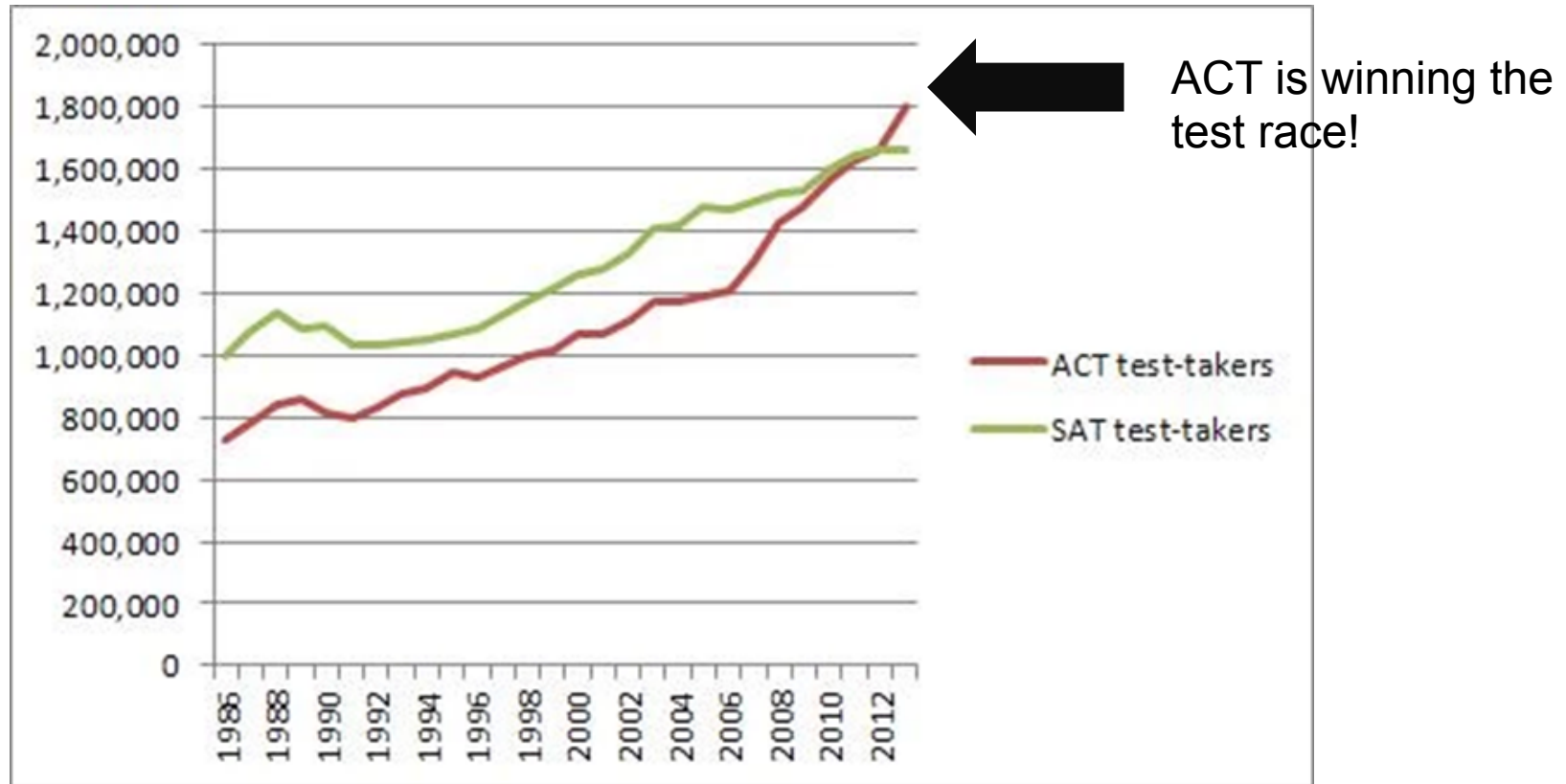




National Merit Scholarship

- Awarded to the top 1% of students
- Automatically entered if you meet the criteria
- Other criteria considered such as grades and official SAT scores
- The numbers change by state, but if your SI is 220 or higher, you are usually in the running (DC is closer to 230) to make semi-finalist

Why the SAT is changing



ACT is more popular than SAT nationwide.
More states using ACT as high school exit exam

Biggest Changes

CATEGORY	CHANGE
OVERALL	New SAT will look a lot like the ACT, but harder
TIMING	3 hours without essay (3 hours, 50 minutes with essay)
SCORING	No penalty for wrong answers 1600 composite with separate essay source
MATH	Less middle school content and more advanced concepts 2 sections – one allowing calculator and one not allowing calculator More grid-in (not multiple-choice) questions
ESSAY	Optional and 50 minutes instead of 25 minutes
VOCABULARY	More familiar words , but testing multiple meanings in passages
DOCUMENTS	Analyze historical documents and speeches
GRAMMAR	Tested in passages and includes punctuation

Where could your scores take you?

School	Average SAT	Average ACT
Boston University	1970	29
Columbia University	2230	33
Georgetown University	2220	33
McGill University	2070	31
New York University	1950	29
Northwestern University	2160	32
Ohio State University	1860	28
UCLA	1950	28
University of Florida	1890	27
University of Michigan	2030	30
University of North Carolina	1940	30
University of Texas at Austin	1860	28
Washington University (St. Louis)	2230	33

Scores are not just about getting in. High scores can help you get \$ for college.

Recap Sophomores/Class of 2017: Take current SAT or ACT

**Use your PSAT
scores to decide if
you will take the
current SAT**

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**If yes, prep over
the summer and
take the test in
Fall 2015**

**If no, then focus
on prepping and
taking the ACT**

Your Personal Testing Timeline

This can be complicated and depends upon:

What Tests You Take	SAT, ACT, Both SAT Subject Tests
Admissions Strategy	Applying early decision
Goal Score	Are you close /far away?
Busy Calendar	Fall, winter or spring activities

**The Princeton Review can help you create a
personalized prep plan**

What do these tests really measure?


- The tests **DO NOT** measure your intelligence.
- High GPAs don't always equate to high test scores
- Don't take PSAT scores personally – it's way too early in the game to worry about these
- The tests measure **how well you take tests**. Intelligent practice WILL help you increase your scores.

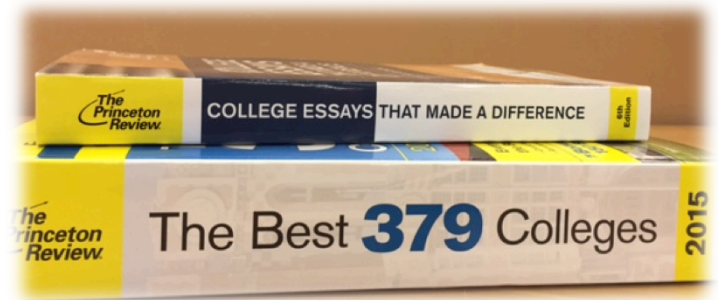
How are the SAT and ACT used?

These tests are just one part of your college application. Colleges also look at your:

- **High School transcripts**
 - Academic rigor
 - Grades
- **Extracurricular activities**
 - Leadership & curiosity counts
 - Less is more
- **Essay**
 - Personal, specific and detailed.
 - Authentic. Represent your passions/interests
- **Letters of Recommendation**
 - Identify your fans
 - Make polite requests ahead of time
 - Provide ALL necessary materials

Your College Guidance Options

- **People you know:** HS counselors, parents, friends
- **The Guides:** Thousands of titles. Our favorites 
- **Online:** college websites, rankings and lists give student insights



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- Strategies for test anxiety that **build confidence**
- Options for **your learning style** and busy schedule

Score Improvement Guaranteed

- **3 points on the ACT**
- **200 points on the SAT**

Q & A

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