

Understanding 2016-17 PSAT™ 8/9 Results

A PARENT TUTORIAL

A Case Study: Ima B. Student's PSAT™ 8/9 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 8/9 Score Report.

What Are Ima's Scores?

Ima's Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score is 460 and Math is 440. In Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Ima's score exceeds the benchmark, and she is on track for college readiness. In Math Ima is close to meeting the benchmark. Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores can give Ima a better understanding of areas to work on.

What Are Her Score Percentiles?

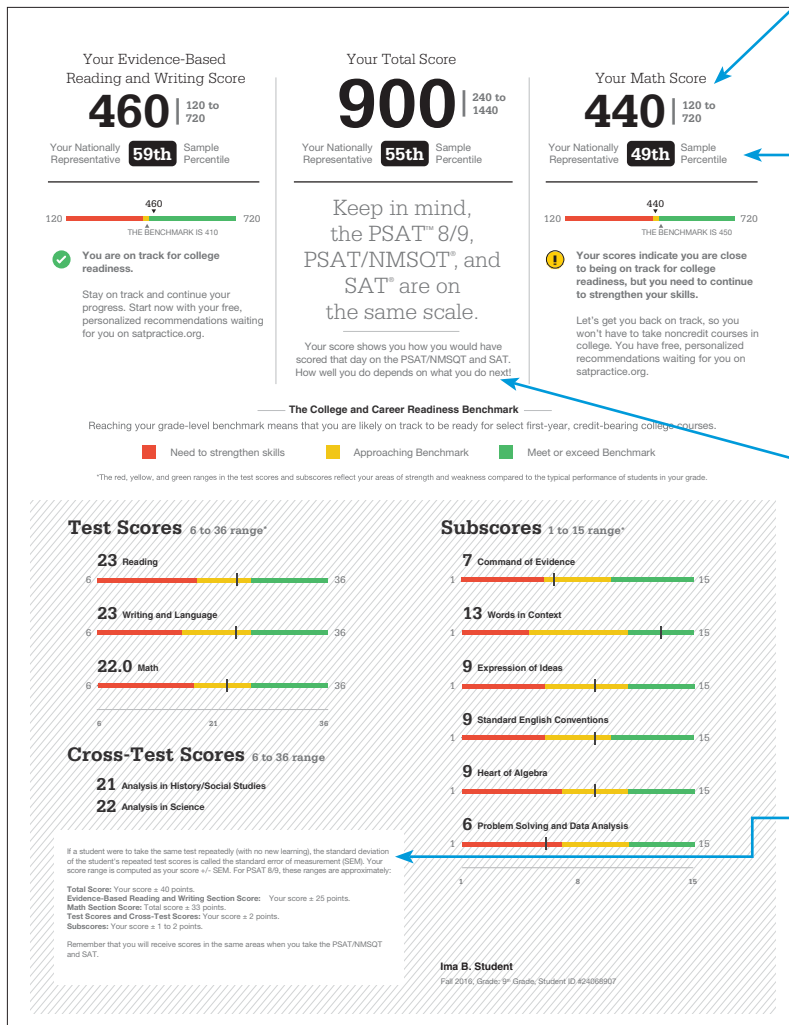
Since Ima is in the ninth grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all ninth graders in the nation. Ima scored as well or better than 59% of a nationally representative group of ninth-grade students in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. In Math, she scored as well or better than 49% of a nationally representative group of freshmen. Additional percentiles are available in Ima's online score report.

How Will Ima Do on the SAT®?

The PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT®, and SAT® are scored on a common scale. Therefore, if Ima had taken the SAT instead of the PSAT 8/9 on the same test date, she would have received the same score. By the time Ima takes the SAT, she will likely have had additional learning from school and practice. Her PSAT 8/9 results can help Ima focus her efforts in high school to be better prepared for the SAT.

What Are Her Score Ranges?

No test measures precisely what someone knows, and many factors can affect results. That is why test makers think of each score as a range that extends from a few points below to a few points above the score earned.



Your Scores: Next Steps

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

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:

Reading Test **23** (8 to 36)

Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:

- Draw reasonable conclusions from somewhat challenging texts
- Describe the overall structure of a somewhat challenging text
- Identify claims and counterclaims explicitly stated in a somewhat challenging passage
- Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts
- Draw reasonable inferences and logical conclusions from challenging texts
- Analyze information presented quantitatively in such forms as graphs, tables, and charts and relate that information to information presented in somewhat challenging text
- Determine how the selection of specific words shapes meaning and tone in a challenging passage
- Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purpose such as persuading an audience
- Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in challenging text

Writing and Language Test **23** (6 to 36)

- Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts
- Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of a text to support claims or points in somewhat challenging text
- Revise somewhat challenging text to ensure that information is presented in the most logical order
- Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts
- Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in challenging text
- Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purpose such as persuading an audience
- Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts
- Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in challenging text
- Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purpose such as persuading an audience

Math Test **22.0** (6 to 36)

- Interpret a linear inequality in one variable with rational coefficients that represents a context. Select the equation of a line of best fit and interpret the slope and intercept of the line in the context of the situation (when a linear model is appropriate)
- Interpret sample statistics understanding and using margin of error
- Solve and interpret a quadratic function or equation that represents a context and requires multiple steps
- Calculate and interpret frequency distributions using tables and other representational methods
- Determine how a graph may be affected by a change to its equation
- Determine the value of a constant or coefficient for an equation with no solution or infinitely many solutions
- Using a specified model, make a prediction and compare the predicted values with the actual values in the data set
- Within a context, compare the center of two separate data sets with different spreads
- Determine whether two events are independent given their probabilities
- Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purpose such as persuading an audience

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How Can Ima Improve Her Academic Skills?

Your Scores: Next Steps are based on her test scores, and the general skills that similarly performing students understand. Ima can see which skills she performed well on and which she needs to improve. Ima can log in to the full report online to see additional skills and improvement steps. (Note that she must be at least 13 years old to do so.) Ima can also link her account to Khan Academy® for personalized practice recommendations.

What Are Ima's Next Steps?

Under **Get more next steps online**, Ima is directed to studentscores.collegeboard.org to learn how to prepare for the SAT with Khan Academy and use her results to create a challenging coursework plan in high school.

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How Can Ima Measure Her Progress?

When she becomes a sophomore, Ima can take the PSAT/NMSQT or the PSAT™ 10 to measure the progress she's made since she took the PSAT 8/9. She can take advantage of practice resources by visiting satpractice.org.

What Can We Learn from Ima's Answers?

The score report is designed to help students see how they performed by showing the skill areas covered (subscore and cross-test score), and whether the answer was correct, incorrect, or omitted. Students who test in the fall window will see answer-level details on their score reports. A full answer key will be available at psat.org/89-resources after the fall window ends.

Your Question-Level Feedback

Writing and Language

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	A	B	Medium	WLC	ECJ
2	A	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
3	A	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
4	C	A	Medium	ECJ	HSS
5	B	D	Medium	COE	ECJ
6	B	A	Easy	ECJ	HSS
7	D	✓	Medium	WLC	ECJ
8	B	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
9	D	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
10	C	✓	Medium	COE	ECJ
11	B	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
12	C	✓	Medium	COE	ECJ
13	D	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
14	A	✓	Medium	WLC	ECJ
15	C	✓	Easy	ECJ	HSS
16	B	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
17	A	✓	Easy	ECJ	HSS
18	C	✓	Medium	COE	ECJ
19	D	✓	Medium	WLC	ECJ
20	B	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
21	D	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
22	B	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
23	A	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
24	A	✓	Easy	WLC	ECJ
25	D	✓	Easy	ECJ	HSS
26	A	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
27	C	✓	Easy	ECJ	HSS
28	A	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
29	C	✓	Easy	COE	ECJ
30	B	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
31	C	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
32	C	✓	Easy	ECJ	HSS
33	D	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
34	A	✓	Easy	COE	ECJ
35	A	✓	Easy	WLC	ECJ
36	A	✓	Easy	COE	ECJ
37	B	✓	Easy	WLC	ECJ
38	C	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
39	D	✓	Easy	COE	ECJ
40	D	✓	Easy	WLC	ECJ
41	D	✓	Easy	SEC	HSS
42	A	✓	Easy	COE	ECJ

Math Test-Calculator

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	A	B	Medium	PSD	HSS
2	C	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
3	B	✓	Easy	PSD	HSS
4	D	✓	Easy	PSD	HSS
5	B	C	Medium	PSD	SCI
6	C	✓	Easy	PSD	SCI
7	D	✓	Easy	PSD	SCI
8	B	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
9	B	✓	Easy	PSD	HSS
10	C	✓	Easy	PSD	HSS
11	C	✓	Easy	PSD	SCI
12	C	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
13	A	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
14	B	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
15	C	✓	Easy	PSD	HSS
16	D	✓	Easy	PSD	HSS
17	D	✓	Easy	PSD	SCI
18	C	✓	Easy	PSD	SCI
19	C	✓	Easy	PSD	HSS
20	B	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
21	A	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
22	5, 12	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
23	100	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
24	27	✓	Easy	PSD	HSS
25	30	✓	Easy	PSD	HSS

Math Test-No Calculator

Question #	Correct	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	A	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
2	B	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
3	B	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
4	C	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
5	C	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
6	D	✓	Easy	SCI	HSS
7	C	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
8	A	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
9	D	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
10	A	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
11	7	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
12	15	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS
13	15, 32	✓	Easy	HQA	HSS

Key

- Correct ✓
- Omitted ○
- Unscorable U
- Easy ■■■
- Medium ■■■■
- Hard ■■■■■

Subscore

- COE Committed of Evidence
- WLC Words in Context
- ECJ Expression of Ideas
- SEC Standard English Conventions
- HQA Heart of Algebra
- PSD Problem Solving and Data Analysis

Cross-Test Score

- HSS Analysis in History/Social Studies
- SCI Analysis in Science

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See the questions, and the answer explanations, online at studentscores.collegeboard.org

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