

Using Your PSAT/NMSQT® Scores to Increase College Readiness

PSAT/NMSQT®

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Get to Know the PSAT/NMSQT®



- The PSAT/NMSQT is highly relevant to your future success because it focuses on the skills and knowledge at the heart of your education. It measures:
 - What you learn in high school
 - What you need to succeed in college
- The PSAT/NMSQT measures reading, writing and language, and math skills developed over many years.
- The PSAT/NMSQT does not ask for facts from literature, history, or science, or for recall of math formulas, because it measures your reasoning and critical thinking skills.
- You don't have to discover secret tricks or cram the night before.
- There is no penalty for guessing.
- The test length is 2 hours, 45 minutes.

What Are the Benefits of Taking the PSAT/NMSQT®?



- Prepare for the SAT®
- Get free, personalized Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy®
- Start getting ready for college with college and career planning tools
- Enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program
- See which AP® courses for which you might be ready
- Get admission and financial aid information from colleges

How Did My Score Measure Against the Benchmarks?

Section, test, and subscores all report scores in performance zones that indicate whether you are on track for meeting the college readiness benchmarks on the SAT®.

Section scores

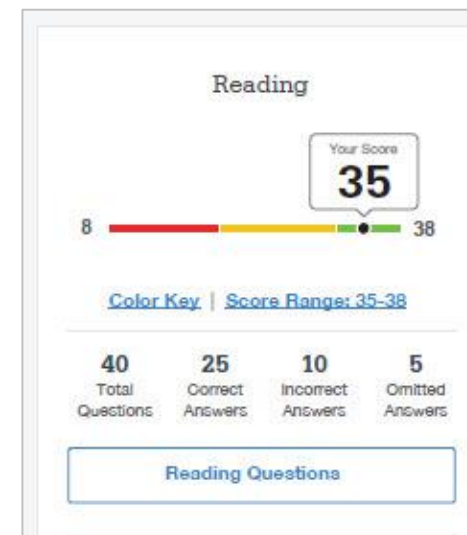
Need to Strengthen Skills = below grade-level benchmark by more than one year

Approaching Benchmark = below grade-level benchmark by one year or less

Meets or Exceeds Benchmark = at or above grade-level benchmark

Test scores and subscores

Red, yellow, and green ranges reflect areas of strengths and weaknesses compared to the typical performance of students



What Is My AP Potential™?

AP Potential uses scores from the PSAT/NMSQT® to provide predictions for 21 AP® Exams.

- College Board research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically experience greater academic success in college and are more likely to earn a college degree on time than non-AP students.

AP Potential and Coursework

What is AP?

Advanced Placement is a College Board program that enables students to pursue college-level studies - with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement or both - while still in high school. The program offers courses in more than 30 subjects. For a full list of courses, click here. If you've taken a College Board assessment in 9th grade or higher, see below for a list of AP courses that you are likely to succeed in. If you've taken an assessment in 9th grade or higher but don't see any AP courses listed below, click here to link the scores to this account or contact Customer Service at (866)756-7546 for assistance and questions.

High School Core Coursework

Colleges have different high school course requirements, but all expect you to take classes that challenge your skills. Try to take a core course load of 4 years of English and at least 3 years of Math, Science, and Social Studies. As you work towards your high school diploma, you should consider taking courses that align with your future career interest and college major, which may require more than the standard core course load. You may also want to think about taking Advanced Placement courses in your later years of high school.

[View all AP Courses](#)

AP Potential Key

Potential
Your scores show that you have the potential for success in this course. Speak with your teachers or school counselor to see if you have the appropriate prerequisite courses and find out how you can enroll.

Some Potential
Your scores show that you have some potential for success in this AP course. Having interest in the course subject as well as dedication to working hard will increase your chances for success. Speak with your teachers or school counselor to see if you have the appropriate prerequisite courses and find out how you can enroll.

Potential Not Yet Indicated
Your scores show that you may need more preparation and support to be successful in this course. Share your goals and interests with your teachers and school counselor, and learn which high school courses can prepare you for AP courses in the future. If you're already taking an AP course, you can still succeed through hard work and motivation. Talk to your teachers regularly so they can support you.

AP Courses

Your score on the PSAT/NMSQT can identify your potential for success in specific AP courses. Below is a list of these AP courses. The chart identifies your potential for each of these AP courses and if these AP courses are offered in your school. You may also link to see if these AP courses match your college major.

Select a Major

Subject	AP Potential	Your School Offers this Course	Matches Major
Art History	●●●●		✓
Biology	●●●○	✓	
Calculus AB	●○○○	✓	
Calculus BC	●○○○	✓	✓



Understanding My Paper Score Report

What Are My Scores?

Scores for the assessments in the SAT® Suite are vertically equated.

Hi, Ima B. Student

School Name: John F. Kennedy High School, School Code: 123456
2016, Grade: 11th Grade
Student ID: 24068907
Optional Code: 00
Access Code: A02670146P


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Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

Your Score Report


Get your full report online
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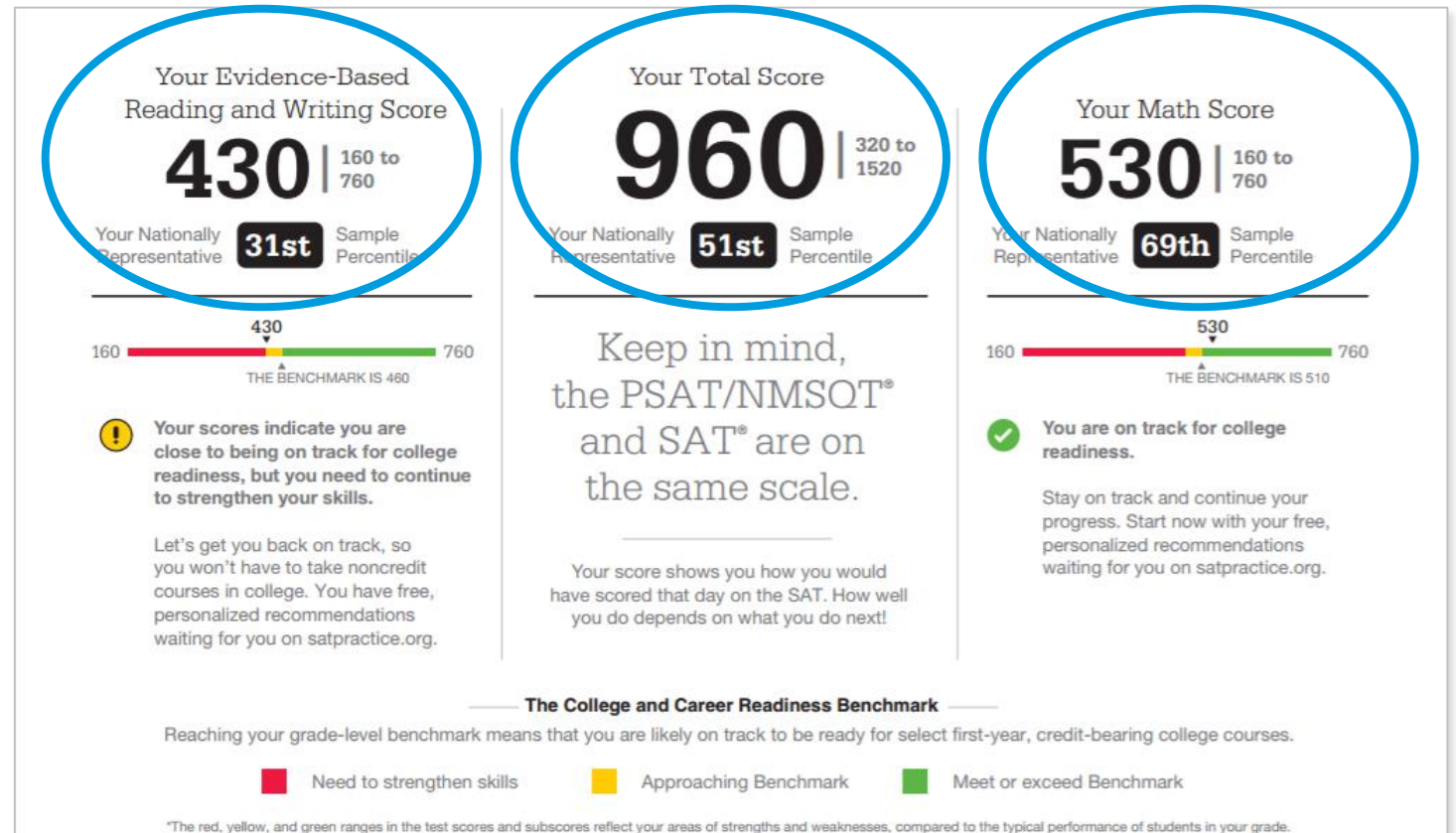
SAT® Practice
Connect to Khan Academy™
for FREE, world-class SAT
practice on satpractice.org.



AP® and Course Work
See which AP courses may
be good matches for you.



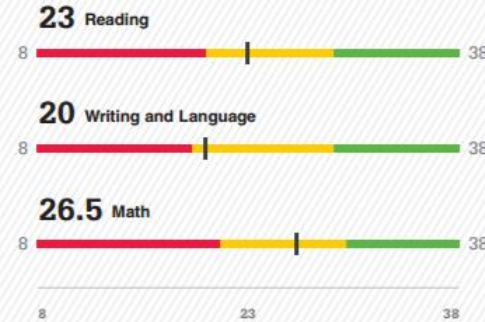
Register for the SAT
Select an SAT test date, and
register for it now.



What Are My Scores? *(cont.)*

Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores give students insightful information about their strengths and areas for improvement.

Test Scores 8 to 38 range*



Cross-Test Scores 8 to 38 range

25 Analysis in History/Social Studies
20 Analysis in Science

If a student were to take the same test repeatedly (with no new learning), the standard deviation of the student's repeated test scores is called the standard error of measurement (SEM). Your score range is computed as your score \pm SEM. For PSAT/NMSQT, these ranges are approximately:

Total Score: Your score \pm 40 points.
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section Score: Your score \pm 25 points.
Math Section Score: Your score \pm 33 points.
Test Scores and Cross-Test Scores: Your score \pm 2 points.
Subscores: Your score \pm 1 to 2 points.

Remember that you will receive scores in the same areas when you take the SAT.

Subscores 1 to 15 range*

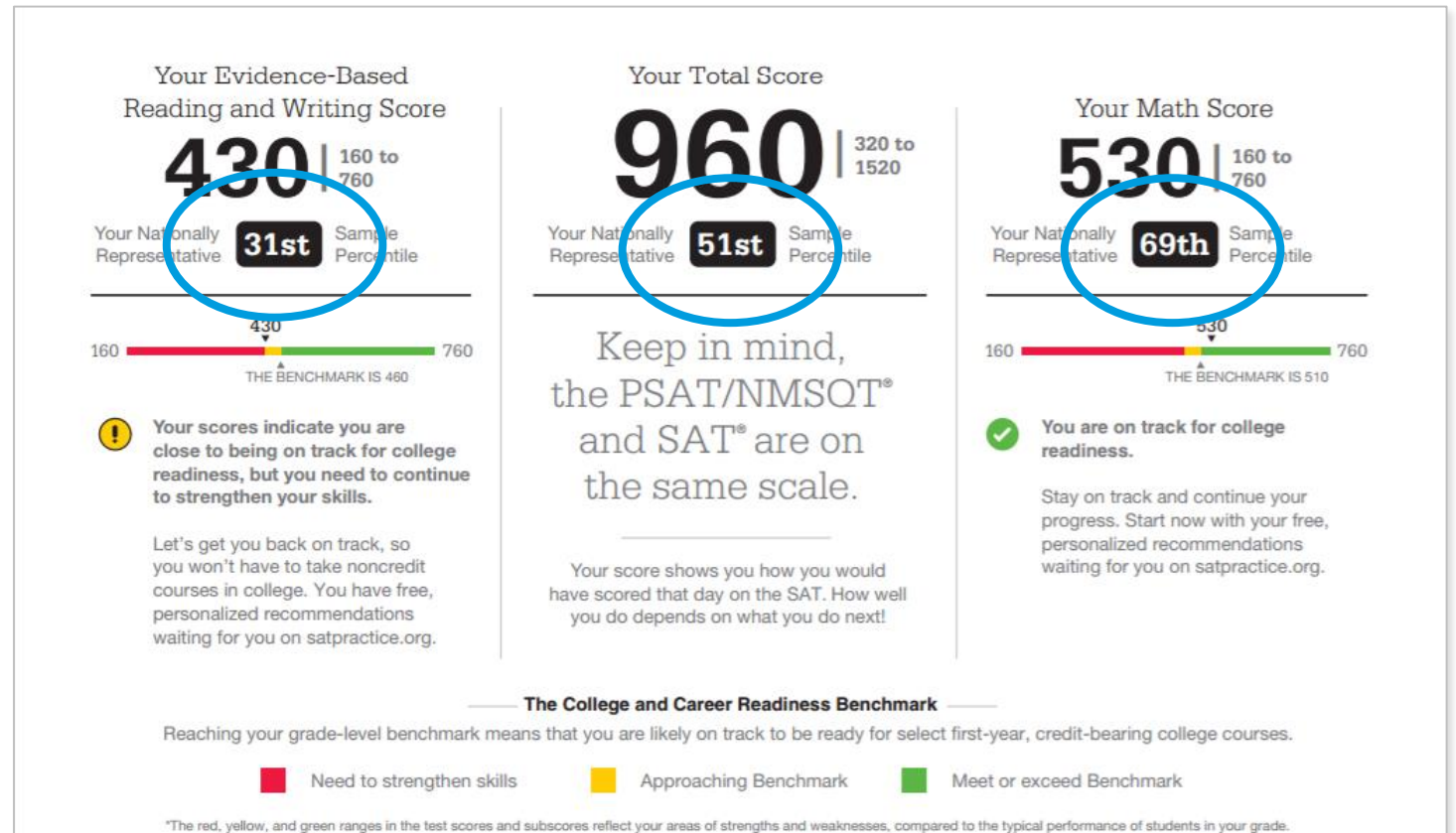


Ima B. Student

2016, Grade: 11th Grade, Student ID 24068907

What Are My Score Percentiles?

Percentiles and benchmarks are provided for 10th and 11th grades on the PSAT/NMSQT®.



What Are My Score Ranges?

PSAT/NMSQT® scores should be interpreted as ranges rather than singular points.

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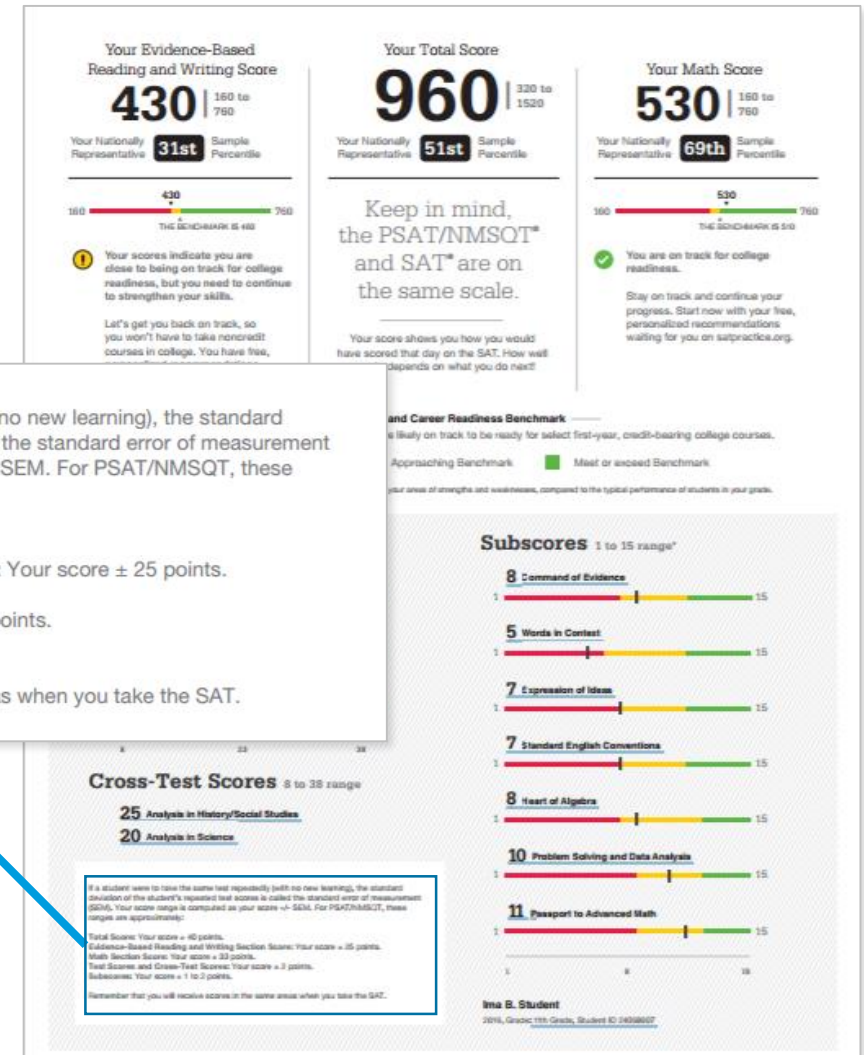
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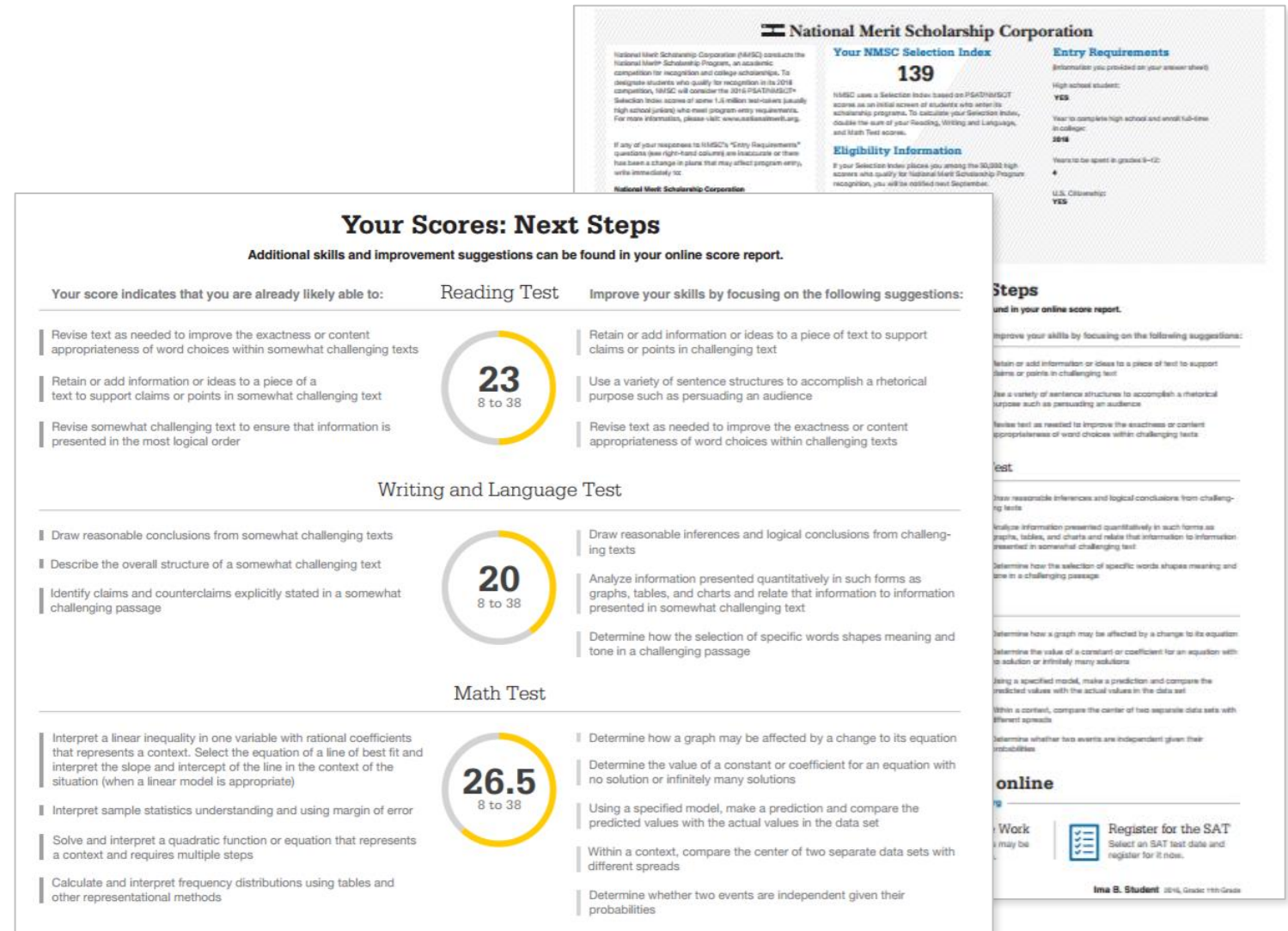
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What Are My Areas of Strength? What Skills Do I Need to Build?

Your Scores: Next Steps



A blue-tinted background image showing three students working together on a project. They are focused on a task, possibly building a model or working on a computer. The image is used as a background for the text.

What Are My Next Steps?

- **Continue to take challenging courses in high school**
- **Link scores with Khan Academy[®]**
- **Set up a practice plan and stick to it**
- **Register for the SAT[®]**
- **Utilize other resources to research and prepare for college**

Official SAT[®] Practice with Khan Academy[®] — It's FREE!

- Go to satpractice.org and create a free account.
- Get personalized recommendations. Link your Khan Academy account to your College Board account to import past SAT Suite results, or take diagnostic quizzes to get personalized recommendations.
- Create a study plan. Select a test date and set up a practice schedule.



How Can I Practice with Khan Academy®?

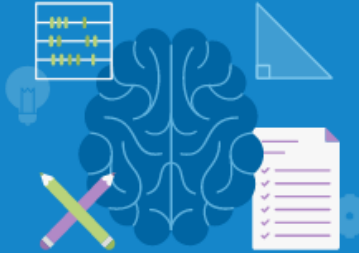
[Watch a video introducing Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy](#)



- Thousands of practice questions and videos covering every SAT® concept
- Six official, full-length SAT practice tests with more to come
- Personalized recommendations based on each student's strengths and weaknesses
- Tailored practice schedule mapping out each student's path to test day
- SAT tips and strategies, sharing information about each part of the test

How Can I Link My College Board and Khan Academy® Accounts?

- After successfully logging in to your College Board account, you will be asked to authorize the account linking.
- After clicking “Send,” you will be redirected to SAT® Practice on the Khan Academy site.
- You can remove the link at any time by clicking on “Revoke,” which is found in your College Board account settings.



TODAY'S GOAL
Practice your skills
Choose the area you'd like to focus on for improvement today.

Practice Reading & Writing

Practice Math

Sign in to CollegeBoard.org

Once you connect your CollegeBoard.org account, we'll read in the results of your PSAT/NMSQT® or PSAT 8/9 exam, fast-forward your skill progress, and give you practice recommendations for what you missed on the exam.

Even if you have not taken a real exam yet, create or sign in to your account on CollegeBoard.org and we'll stay in sync with your future exam schedule.

Sign in to CollegeBoard.org

Current skill levels [Practice your skills](#)

Math Reading & Writing

Link your PSAT/NMSQT® or PSAT 8/9 results or complete your diagnostic quizzes to set your current skill levels.

Frequently asked questions

Check out our [frequently asked questions](#). Then let us know if you [have a problem](#) or [an idea for making this system better!](#)

Exam scores [View Full Exams](#)

Your exam scores will appear here once you [complete your first practice exam](#) or [sign in to CollegeBoard.org](#) and connect your real exam results.

How Do I Register for the SAT®?

- SAT Registration link from Popular Tools menu
- sat.org/register

The screenshot shows the CollegeBoard website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for CollegeBoard, SAT, AP, College Planning, College Search, and Store. Below this, a secondary navigation bar includes 'My Score Reports', 'Full Reports' (with a dropdown arrow), 'AP Potential', and 'Popular Tools' (also with a dropdown arrow). The main content area displays a 'Score Report for PSAT/NMSQT' with tabs for 'Report Details', 'Test Questions', and 'Skills Insight'. The 'Report Details' tab is active, showing 'Your Total Score' as 880, with a range of 320 to 1520, and a 'Score Range: 840-920' link. To the right, a 'Popular Tools' dropdown menu is open, listing various resources: 'Make an Action Plan', 'AP & Core Coursework', 'College Search', 'Majors & Career Profiles', 'My Personality', 'Pay for College', 'SAT Practice', 'SAT Registration' (which is circled in blue), and 'Scholarships'. The bottom of the page shows a partial view of another score, 760.

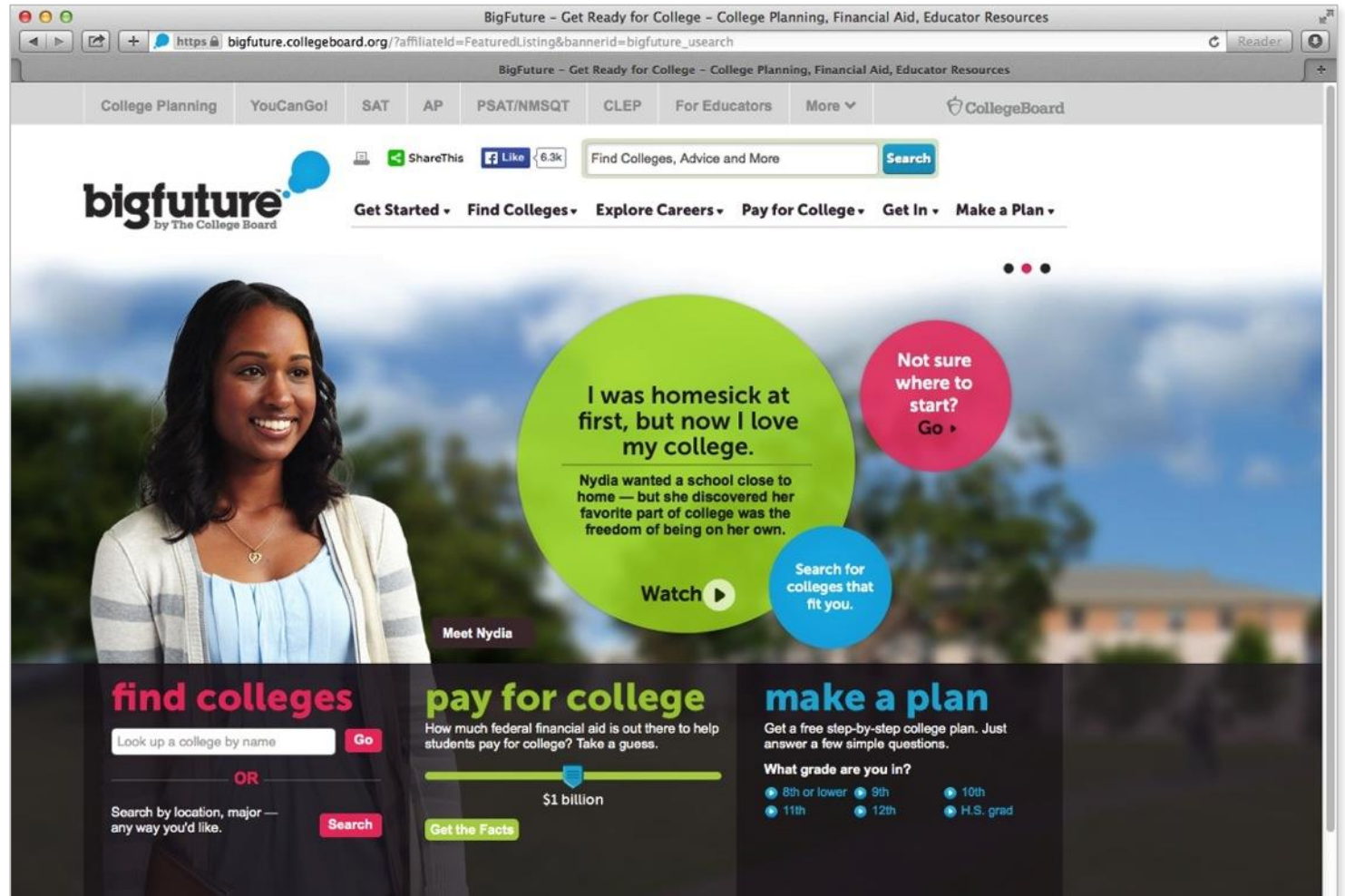
What Additional Resources Will Help Me Prepare for My Future?

- BigFuture™
 - College Action Plan
 - College Search
 - Scholarships
 - Financial Aid
- Roadmap to Careers
- Student Search Service®

The screenshot displays the BigFuture dashboard. At the top, there are navigation tabs: [Dashboard](#), [My Score Reports](#) (selected), and [AP Potential](#). Below these are sub-tabs: [Report Details](#) (selected), [Test Questions](#), and [Skills Insight](#). The main content area shows 'Your Total Score' as **880**, with a range of 320 to 1520. Below this, it states 'Score Range: 840-920'. A message reads: 'Keep in mind, the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT are on the same scale.' Below that, it says: 'Your score shows you how you would have scored that day on the SAT. How well you do depends on what you do next!'. On the right side, there is a 'Popular Tools' dropdown menu with the following options: 'Make an Action Plan', 'College Search', 'Search College Majors', 'Roadmap to Careers', 'Pay for College', 'Scholarship Search', 'AP & Core Coursework', 'SAT Practice', 'SAT Registration', and 'Send SAT Scores'. Below the menu, a score of **160** is shown for '11th Grade PSAT/NMSQT'. At the bottom right, a green checkmark icon is next to the text: 'You are on track for college re...'. Below this, it says: 'Stay on track and continue your prog... share your scores on [Khan Academ](#)... free, personalized practice recommen...

BigFuture™ — Search Colleges, Scholarships, and Careers

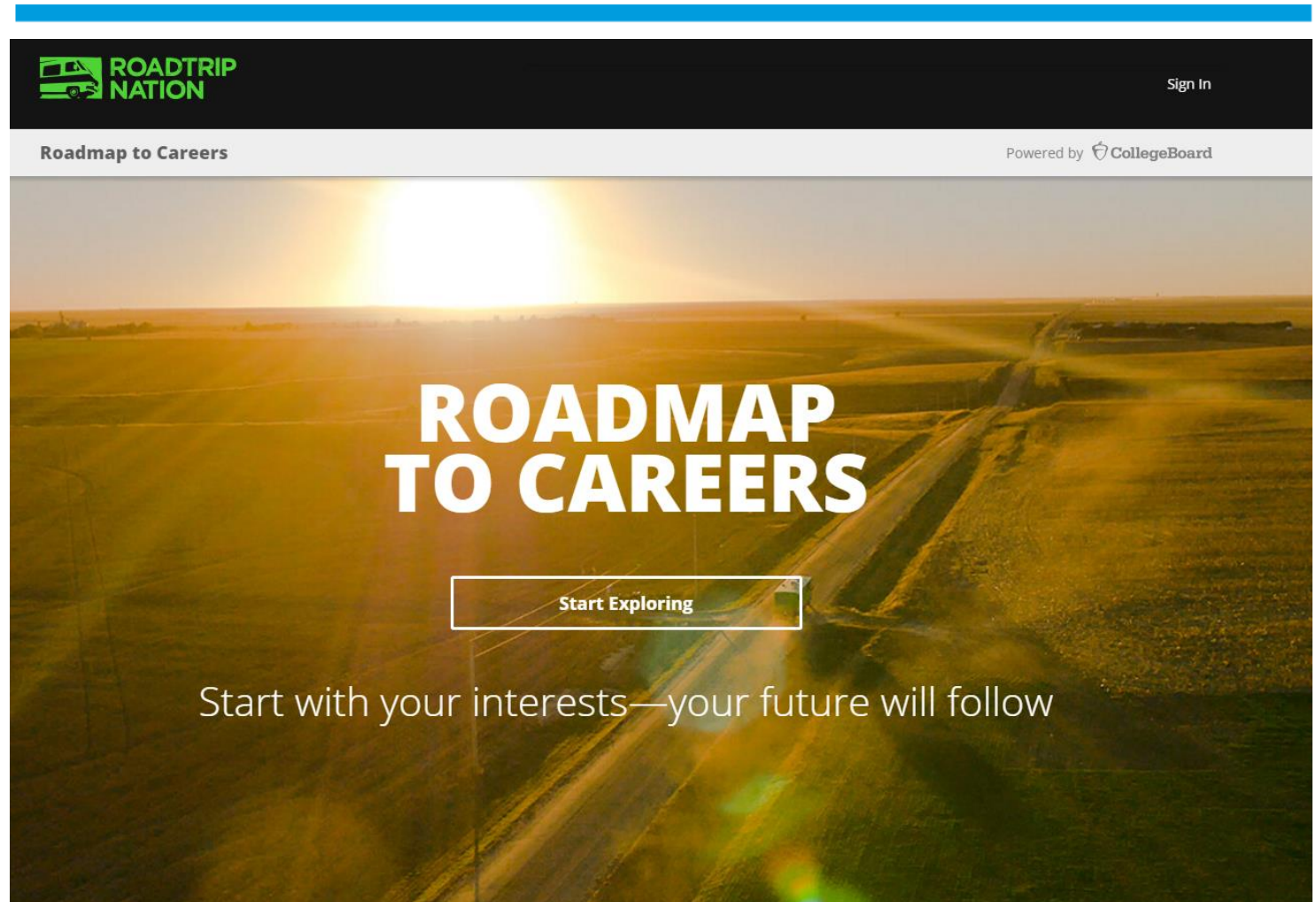
- Search for colleges.
- Watch videos from real students.
- Hear from education professionals.
- Learn about different colleges.
- Get help paying for college.
- Build a personalized plan for getting into college.



Road Map to Careers

Roadtrip Nation and College Board are partnering to help students connect with careers.

- Choose your core interests.
- Watch videos of leaders who share your interests.
- Learn about majors and careers that align to your interests.
- See examples of leaders who followed a similar path.



Student Search Service[®]

Connects students with information about educational and financial aid opportunities.

- Participate voluntarily.
- Connect with more than 1,200 colleges, universities, scholarship programs, and educational organizations.
- Sign up when you take an assessment in the SAT[®] Suite:
 1. Choose to participate in Student Search Service when registering for a College Board test (fill in the circle on the answer sheet).
 2. Provide information about yourself on your answer sheet.
 3. Participating organizations can then search for groups of students who may be a good fit.
 4. FYI: The College Board never shares information on disabilities, parental education, self-reported parental income, Social Security numbers, phone numbers, or actual test scores through Student Search Service.

Thank You.

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