

PSAT/NMSQT®



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**NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION**

Using Your PSAT/NMSQT® Scores to Increase College Readiness

**Charlotte Catholic High School
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PSAT/NMSQT

Score Report Resources

College Board
provides families
with resources to
understand testing

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/media/pdf/psat-nmsqt-understanding-scores.pdf>





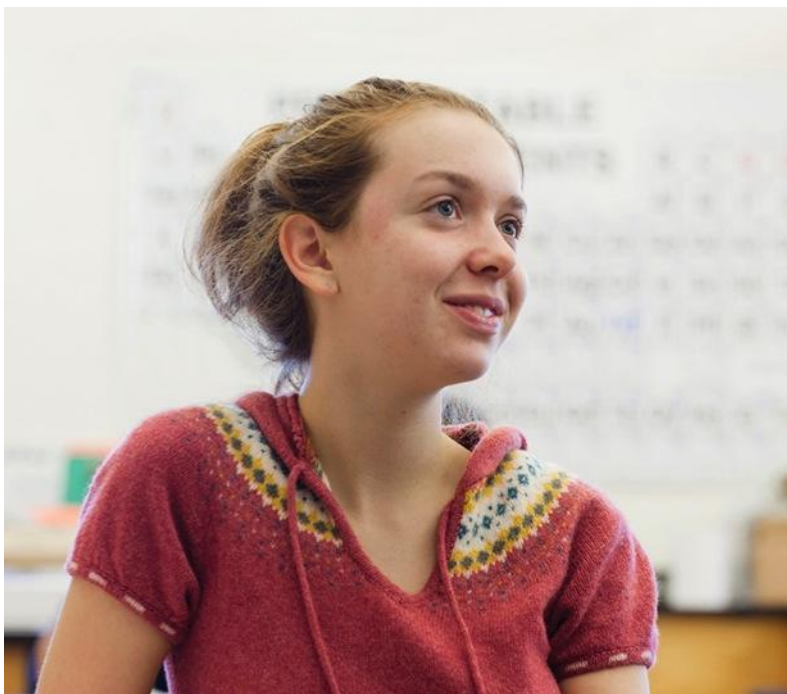
Get to Know the PSAT/NMSQT®

- The PSAT/NMSQT 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, 14 minutes.

What to expect with the digital PSAT/NMSQT



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



- High School Course Selection (CCHS)
- 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
- Private Scholarship Qualification
- See which AP® courses for which you might be ready
- Get admission and financial aid information from colleges

How Do I Access My Online PSAT/NMSQT® Scores and Reports?

Log in to an existing College Board account or create a new one at studentscores.collegeboard.org.

Student Score Reports

Sign In

Sign in to personalize your visit and access your College Board account.

Continue



Don't have an account?

Create Account

Sign in to view your scores from the SAT, SAT Subject Tests, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 tests.

Sign in and Explore:

- **CAREERS:** Explore careers that you're passionate about on BigFuture by taking the [Career Quiz](#) and learning how your test performance aligns to 1,000 occupations with our career readiness indicator.
- **COLLEGES:** Search over 3,000 college profiles on [BigFuture](#) to discover which colleges and programs are right for you. Filter by location, major, and more.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Use your scores to access scholarships from [BigFuture Scholarships](#), and [thousands of others](#).
- **DIGITAL SAT PREP:** Review your score information, including the Knowledge and Skills section where you can learn about your strengths and the areas you can focus on improving. Then go to [Khan Academy®](#) for free, personalized practice in those areas.

The College Board currently does not collect personal information for students under the age of 13 to enable online account creation. Test takers under 13 can review their scores in school with their teacher or counselor via the integrated score reporting portal. Please see our [Privacy Policy](#) for more details.

Understanding Your Digital PSAT/NMSQT® Score Report

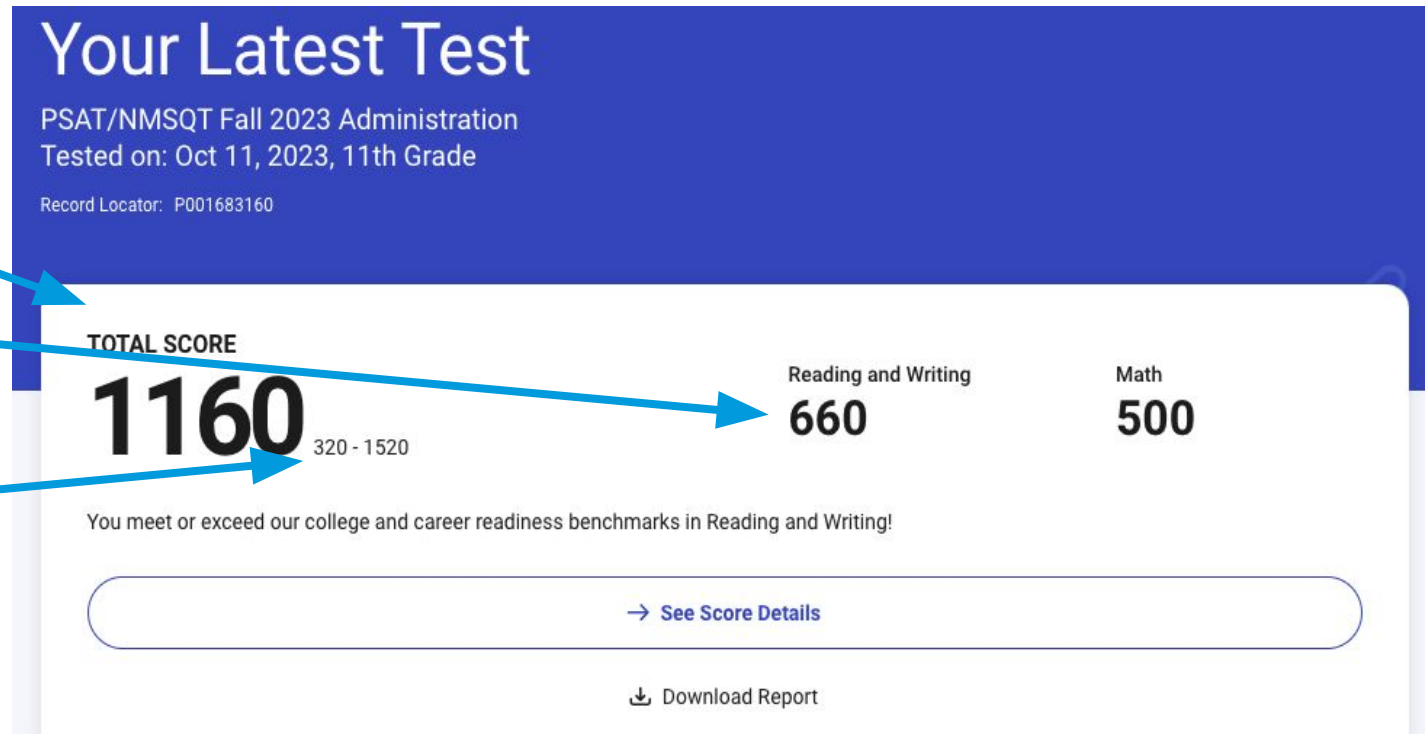


What Will I Learn About My Scores?

Total Score

Section Score

Score Ranges



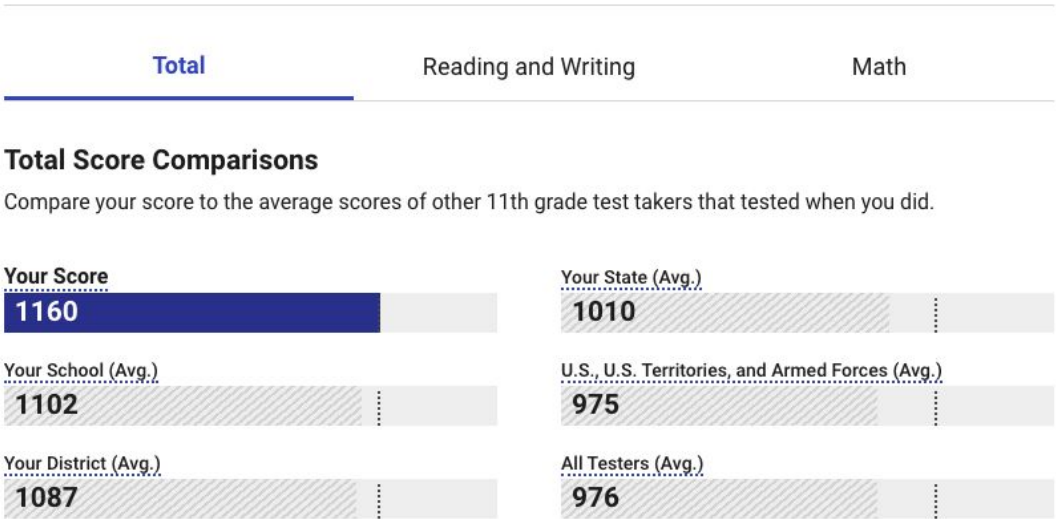
How Do I See My Detailed Scores?

Section Scores

The PSAT/NMSQT's Reading and Writing and Math section both focus on the necessary skills for college and career success. View your section scores and compare them against our readiness benchmarks. [Learn more about benchmarks.](#)

Score Comparisons

Learn how you scored compared to other test takers. Some comparisons may not be available.



Reading and Writing



You've met the Reading and Writing benchmark (460)!
[Learn which Reading and Writing skills can help you improve.](#)
Your Score Range 630-690

The Reading and Writing benchmark for the SAT is 480. If you plan to take the SAT next year, we estimate you'll score between 630-740.

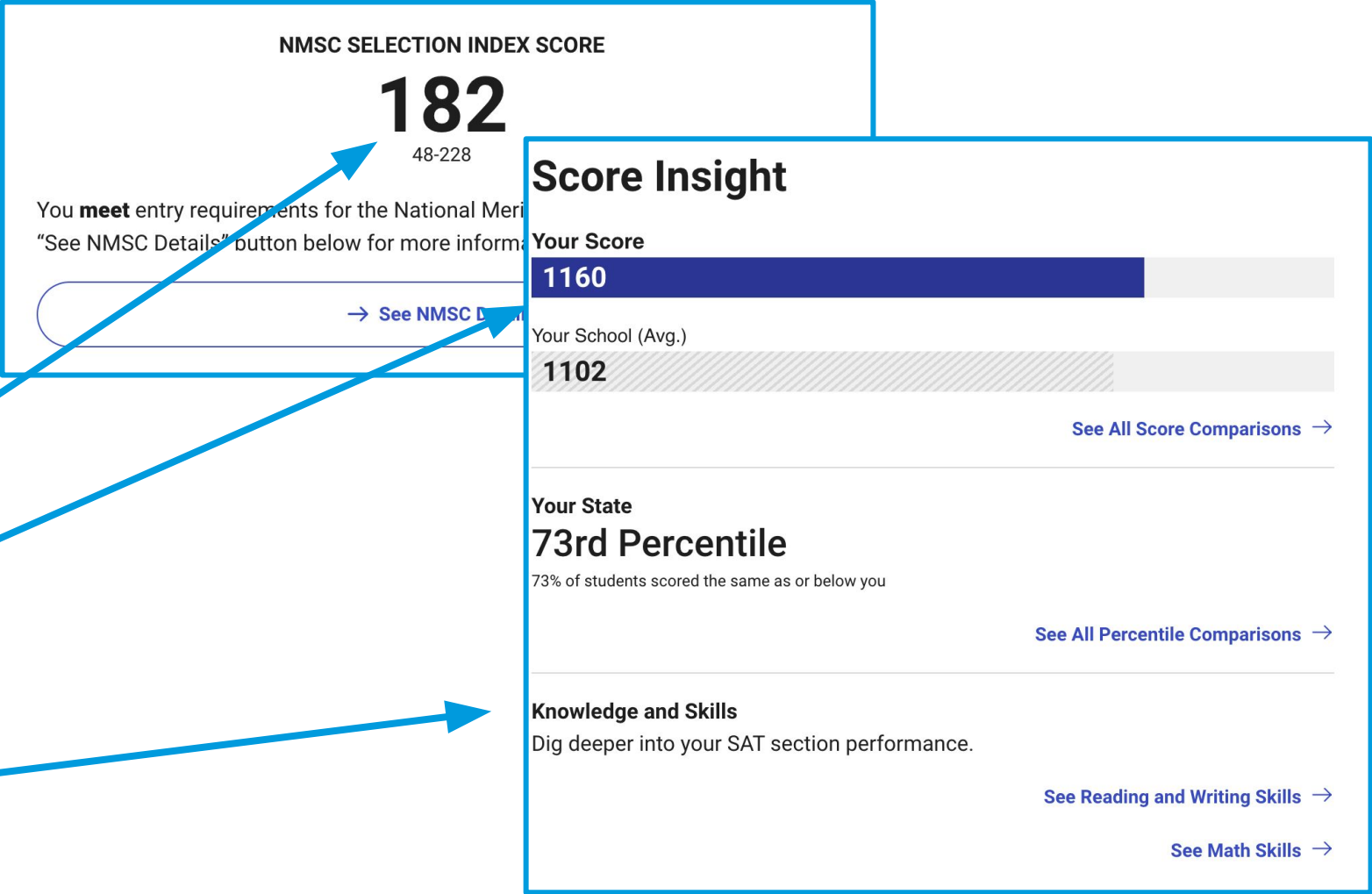
Math



You haven't met the Math benchmark (510) yet.
[Learn which Math skills can help you improve.](#)
Your Score Range 470-530

The Math benchmark for the SAT is 530. If you plan to take the SAT next year, we estimate you'll score between 460-580.

Putting Scores in Context



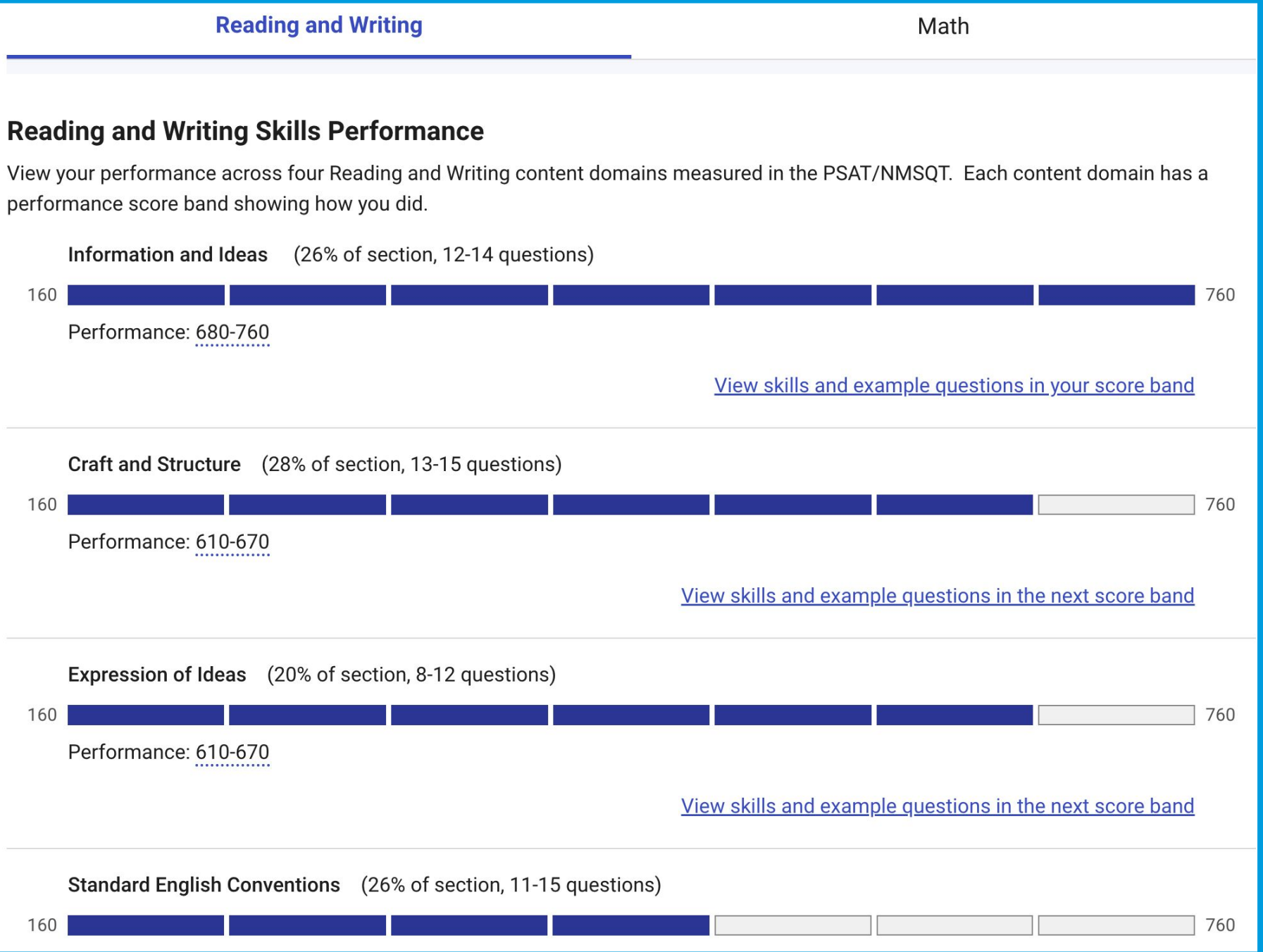
Selection Index

Score Insights

Knowledge & Skills

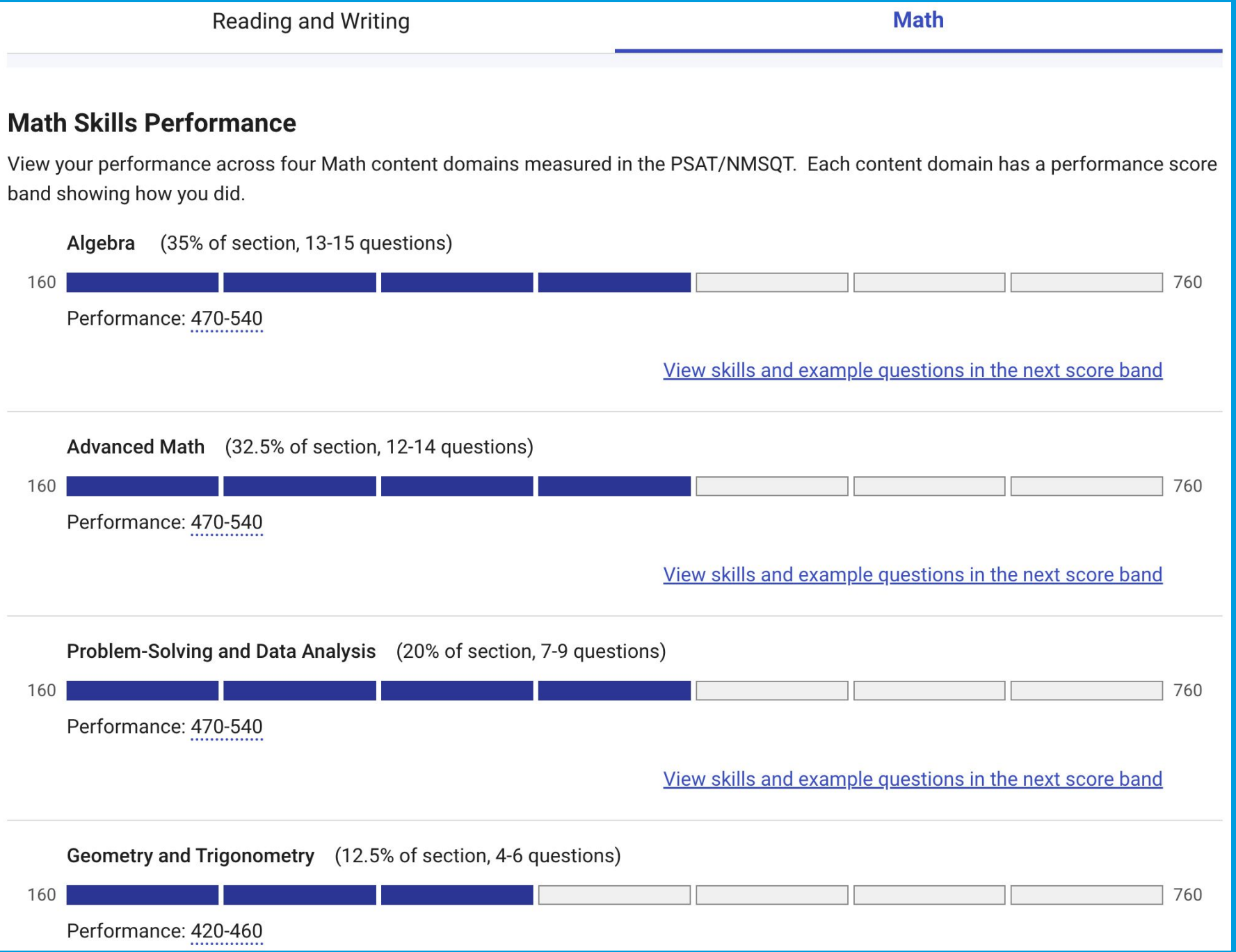
What Will I Learn About My Scores?

READING and WRITING SKILLS PERFORMANCE



What Will I Learn About My Scores?

MATH SKILLS PERFORMANCE



How Did My Score Measure Against the Benchmarks?

Families can compare student scores to the grade-level benchmarks to help them:

- Understand their unique path to success in college and career readiness.
- Identify areas where they may need extra support while there is still time for improvement.
- Consider their readiness for more challenging coursework

What the Benchmarks Mean

The College and Career Readiness Benchmarks for the SAT predict a 75% likelihood of achieving a C or higher in related first semester, credit-bearing college courses. The benchmarks are set at the section level, so there is a benchmark for Reading and Writing and a benchmark for Math.

PSAT/NMSQT Grade-Level Benchmarks		
	Reading and Writing	Math
10th Grade PSAT/NMSQT	430	480
11th Grade PSAT/NMSQT	460	510

What Is the National Merit® Scholarship Program?



YOUR NMSC SELECTION INDEX SCORE

182

Selection Index Score Calculation

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{Reading and} \\ \text{Writing} \\ 2 (660) \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Math} \\ 500 \end{array}}{10} = 182$$

NMSC® uses a Selection Index score based on PSAT/NMSQT scores as an initial screen of students who enter its scholarship programs. To calculate your NMSC Selection Index score, double your Reading and Writing score and add it to your Math score. Your Selection Index score is the sum divided by 10.

YOUR PATH TOMORROW

Here's what else is waiting for you online:

- 1** **A link to free personalized practice on Khan Academy**
Share your scores with Khan Academy to get your personalized practice.
 - 2** **A list of the challenging courses you're ready for**
Congrats! Your scores show you're ready to succeed in AP® courses.
 - 3** **Your customized starter college list**
Check out the tools at BigFuture™ to kick-start your college plans.
- SAT®** Register to take the SAT ahead of college application deadlines in spring of junior year and fall of senior year.



Your NMSC Selection Index

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NMSC uses a Selection Index score based on PSAT/NMSQT scores as an initial screen of students who enter its scholarship programs. The Selection Index score is double the sum of your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

Eligibility Information

You meet entry requirements for the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program and your Selection Index score will be considered among 1.6 million program entrants.

If your Selection Index places you among the 50,000 high scorers who qualify for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition, you will be notified next September when qualifying Selection Index scores will be made available.

Entry Requirements

Information you provided on your answer sheet:

High school student: YES

Year to complete high school and enroll full time in college: 2020

Total years to be spent in grades 9–12: 4

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) conducts the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and college scholarships.

To designate students who qualify for recognition in its 2020 competition, NMSC will consider the 2018 PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores of some 1.6 million test takers (usually high school juniors) who meet program entry requirements. For more information, please visit: www.nationalmerit.org.

If any of your responses to NMSC's "Entry Requirements" questions are inaccurate or there has been a change in plans that may affect program entry, write immediately to:

National Merit Scholarship Corporation
Attn: Scholarship Administration
1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200
Evanston, IL 60201-4897

Include your name and home address along with your high school name, address, and six-digit code number.

Using SCOIR

Students use SCOIR to review test scores and use Scattergrams to determine if a college is a Likely, Target, or Reach.

Test Scores

ACT	
Superscore	Highest
27	27

SAT	
Superscore	Highest
1410	1410

PSAT	
PSAT 8/9	NMSQT
950	1100

SAT		READING/Writing		MATH		TOTAL	
May 2023		720		690		1410	
March 2023		620		590		1210	

ACT	MATH	SCIENCE	STEM	ENGLISH	READING	WRITING	ELA	COMPOSITE
February 2020	26	22	24	28	30			27
February 2020	26	22	24	28	30			27

PSAT 8/9		READING/Writing		MATH		TOTAL	
October 2021		490		460		950	

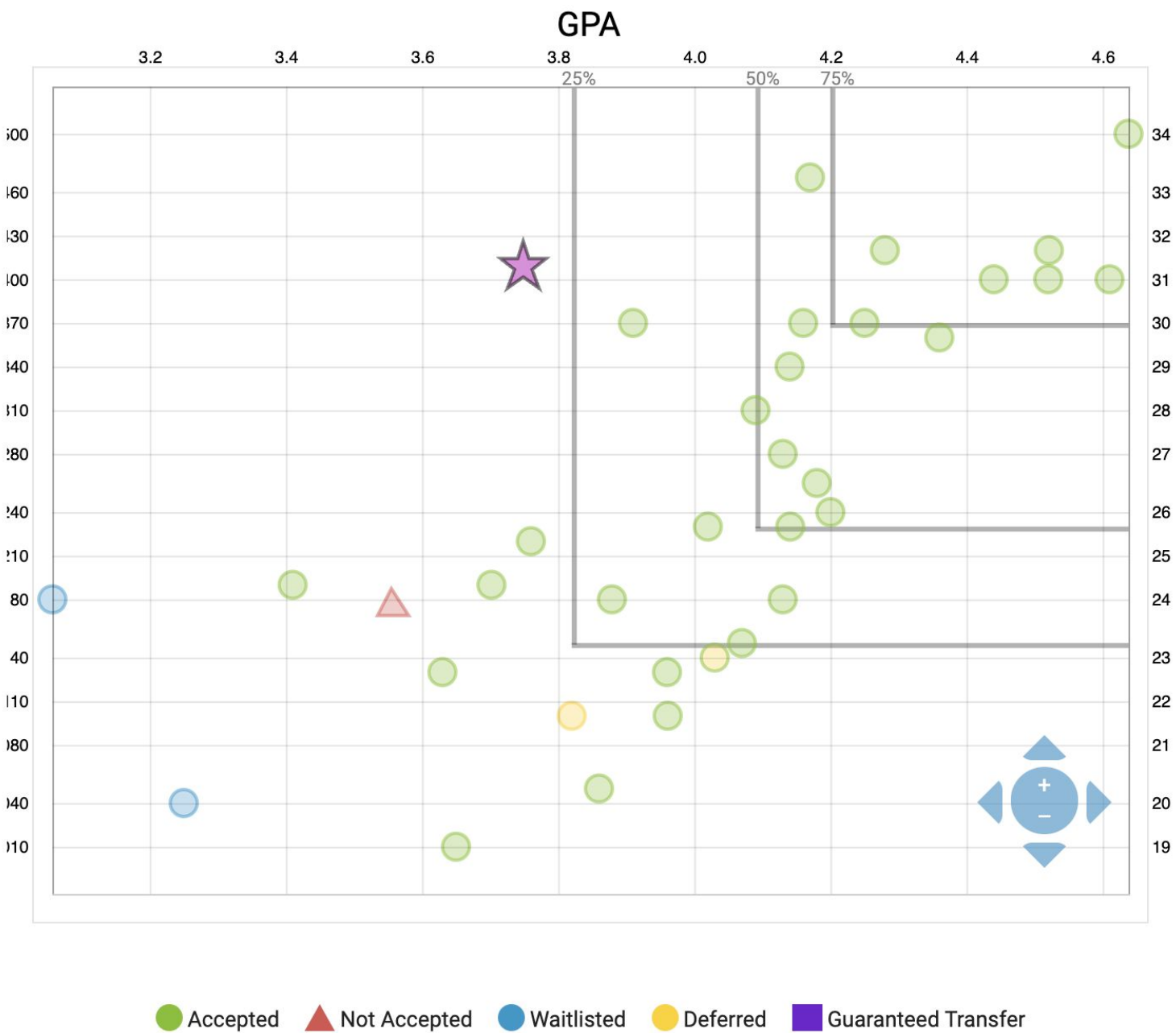
NMSQT		READING/Writing		MATH		TOTAL	
October 2023		560		540		1100	
October 2022		530		490		1020	

Reading a Scattergram



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Your College Search Starts Here



What Are My Next Steps?

- Continue to appropriately challenge yourself at school
- Link PSAT scores with Khan Academy®
- Set up a practice plan and stick to it
- Register for the SAT (Spring Junior Year)
- Utilize Scoir to research and prepare for college

Further College Board Guidance

BigFuture School

- See your scores
- Free mobile app for Digital PSAT/NMSQT
- Quick test score delivery
- Career planning
- Financial Aid & Scholarships

Connections

- Match with nonprofit colleges and scholarship programs



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

- Go to satpractice.org and create a free account.
- Link your College Board account to Khan Academy 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®?

- Thousands of practice questions and videos covering every SAT® concept
- Eight 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 students' path to test day
- SAT tips and strategies, sharing information about each part of the test



Digital SAT

THE SAT
IS GOING
DIGITAL



Thank
You.