# PSAT Scores Review

2025/2026

# PSAT Scores




Step 1: Login or create a College Board account (use a personal email address); be sure the info you provide matches what is in Infinite Campus.

Step 2: If you provided a phone number when you took the PSAT, download the BigFuture School app. You can login and get your scores.

Step 3: Receive a hard copy of your score report from your English teacher

Step 4: Watch the video on the next slide.

*If you do not receive a copy of your score, you can access your score in the College Board app.

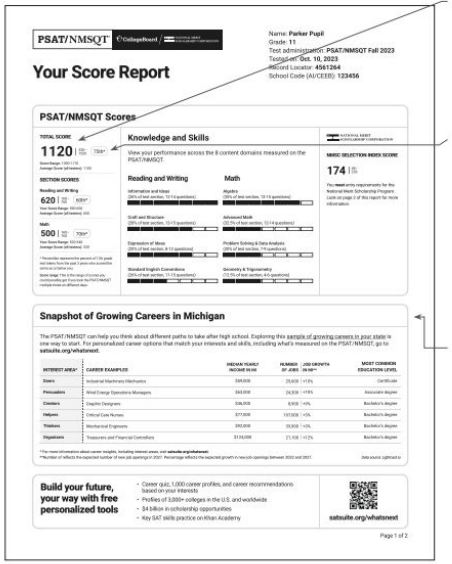
# Understanding Your Digital PSAT/NMSQT® Score Report



# The **PSAT/NMSQT** Score Report

## A Case Study: Sample PSAT/NMSQT Score Report

Take a look at the sample score report below and on the next page. Use the corresponding information to help you interpret the PSAT/NMSQT score report.



PSAT/NMSQT

Your Score Report

Name: Parker Pupil
Grade: 11
Test administration: PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2023
Tested on: Oct. 10, 2023
Record Locator: 45612364
School Code (AI/CEEB): 123456

PSAT/NMSQT Scores

TOTAL SCORE
1120 | 1-99 | 720–1520

SECTION SCORES
Reading and Writing
620 | 1-99 | 320–760

Math
500 | 1-99 | 320–760

Knowledge and Skills

View your performance across the 8 content domains measured on the PSAT/NMSQT.

Reading and Writing
Information and Ideas
Craft and Structure
Expression of Ideas
Standard English Conventions

Math
Algebra
Advanced Math
Problem Solving & Data Analysis
Geometry & Trigonometry

NMSC SELECTION INDEX SCORE
174 | 1-99

Snapshot of Growing Careers in Michigan

The PSAT/NMSQT can help you think about different paths to take after high school. Exploring this sample of growing careers in your state is one way to start. For personalized career options that match your interests and skills, including what's measured on the PSAT/NMSQT, go to satsuite.org/whatsnext.

| INTEREST AREA | CAREER EXAMPLES | MEDIAN YEARLY INCOME IN MI | NUMBER OF JOBS | JOB GROWTH IN MI** | MOST COMMON EDUCATION LEVEL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Doers | Industrial Machinery Mechanics | $49,000 | 25,630 | +1.8% | Certificate |
| Persuaders | Wind Energy Operations Managers | $63,000 | 24,350 | +19% | Associate's degree |
| Creators | Graphic Designers | $38,000 | 8,900 | +4% | Bachelor's degree |
| Helpers | Critical Care Nurses | $77,000 | 137,000 | +3% | Bachelor's degree |
| Thinkers | Mechanical Engineers | $90,000 | 13,900 | +3% | Bachelor's degree |
| Organizers | Treasurers and Financial Controllers | $134,000 | 21,100 | +12% | Bachelor's degree |

* For more information about career insights, including interest areas, visit satsuite.org/whatsnext.
** Number of reflects the expected number of new job openings in 2027. Percentage reflects the expected growth in new job openings between 2022 and 2027.

Data source: Lightcast

Build your future, your way with free personalized tools

- Career quiz, 1,000 career profiles, and career recommendations based on your interests
- Profiles of 3,000+ colleges in the U.S. and worldwide
- $4 billion in scholarship opportunities
- Key SAT skills practice on Khan Academy

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*Score Report*

### What are Parker's scores?

Parker's Reading and Writing score is 620, and his Math score is 500, for a total score of 1120. By reviewing his performance on the content domains in each subject, Parker can see where his knowledge and skills are already strong and identify areas where he can improve.

### What are Parker's score percentiles?

Since Parker is in the eleventh grade, the percentiles compare his scores with those of all eleventh graders worldwide. Parker scored as well or better in Reading and Writing than 60% of a globally representative group of eleventh-grade students. In Math, he scored as well or better than 70% of a globally representative group of juniors. Putting both scores together, Parker scored as well or better than 75% of students in his grade on the PSAT/NMSQT as a whole.

### What can Parker learn from this career snapshot?

Since he lives in the U.S., Parker's score report includes Career Insights, helpful information about growing careers in his state. Parker can review the median yearly income of each career, the expected growth rate for new job openings in his state over the next five years, and the most common education level for people in that career. The list might include a career Parker is curious about—or maybe none of the options feel like a great fit. It's okay! The goal is to just start thinking about potential career paths. This snapshot does not currently reflect Parker's performance on the PSAT/NMSQT. However, if Parker is thinking about different paths to take after high school, he can explore personalized options that match his interests and skills at **satsuite.org/whatsnext**.

# NEW! Using Skills Insight

## Will Parker be able to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program?

Parker has an NMSC Selection Index score of 174 (on a scale of 48-228), which was determined by first doubling his Reading and Writing section score (620) and adding that value to his Math section score (500). The sum of those two numbers divided by 10 is his Selection Index score. NMSC uses the Selection Index score to determine which students will receive recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

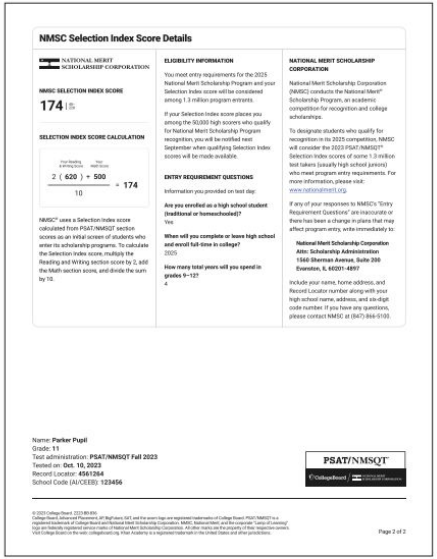
If an asterisk had appeared next to Parker's score, it would mean he did not meet entry requirements for the program or his score was provided for guidance purposes only and would not be considered in the National Merit Scholarship Program. In the sample score report, Parker meets entry requirements and will be recognized if his score places him among the 50,000 high scorers. For entry requirements and information on the steps in the competition, see the *2023 PSAT/NMSQT Student Guide* or visit **www.nationalmerit.org**.

## How can Parker learn more about his scores?

If he's under age 13, Parker can talk to his school counselor to see his full score report, discuss how to prepare for the SAT, and learn his potential for AP coursework. If Parker is age 13 or older, he can also choose to visit **psat.org/myscore** to personally find out this information.

## How can Parker measure his progress?

In the spring, Parker can take the SAT to measure the progress he's made since he took the PSAT/NMSQT. He can continue to take advantage of practice resources by visiting **sat.org/digital-practice**.



NMSC Selection Index Score Details

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

NMSC SELECTION INDEX SCORE

174 | 5

SELECTION INDEX SCORE CALCULATION

$$\frac{2\,(\text{Your Reading + writing score: } 620) + (\text{Your Math score: } 500)}{10} = 174$$

NMSC® uses a Selection Index score calculated from PSAT/NMSQT® section scores as an initial screen of students who enter its scholarship programs. To calculate the Selection Index score, multiply the Reading and Writing section score by 2, add the Math section score, and divide the sum by 10.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

You meet entry requirements for the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program and your Selection Index score will be considered among 1.3 million program entrants.

If your Selection Index score 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 REQUIREMENT QUESTIONS

Information you provided on test day:

**Are you enrolled as a high school student (traditional or homeschooled)?**
Yes

**When will you complete or leave high school and enroll full-time in college?**
2025

**How many total years will you spend in grades 9–12?**
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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 2025 competition, NMSC will consider the 2023 PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores of some 1.3 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 Requirement 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, home address, and Record Locator number along with your high-school name, address, and six-digit code number. If you have any questions, please contact NMSC at (847) 866-5100.

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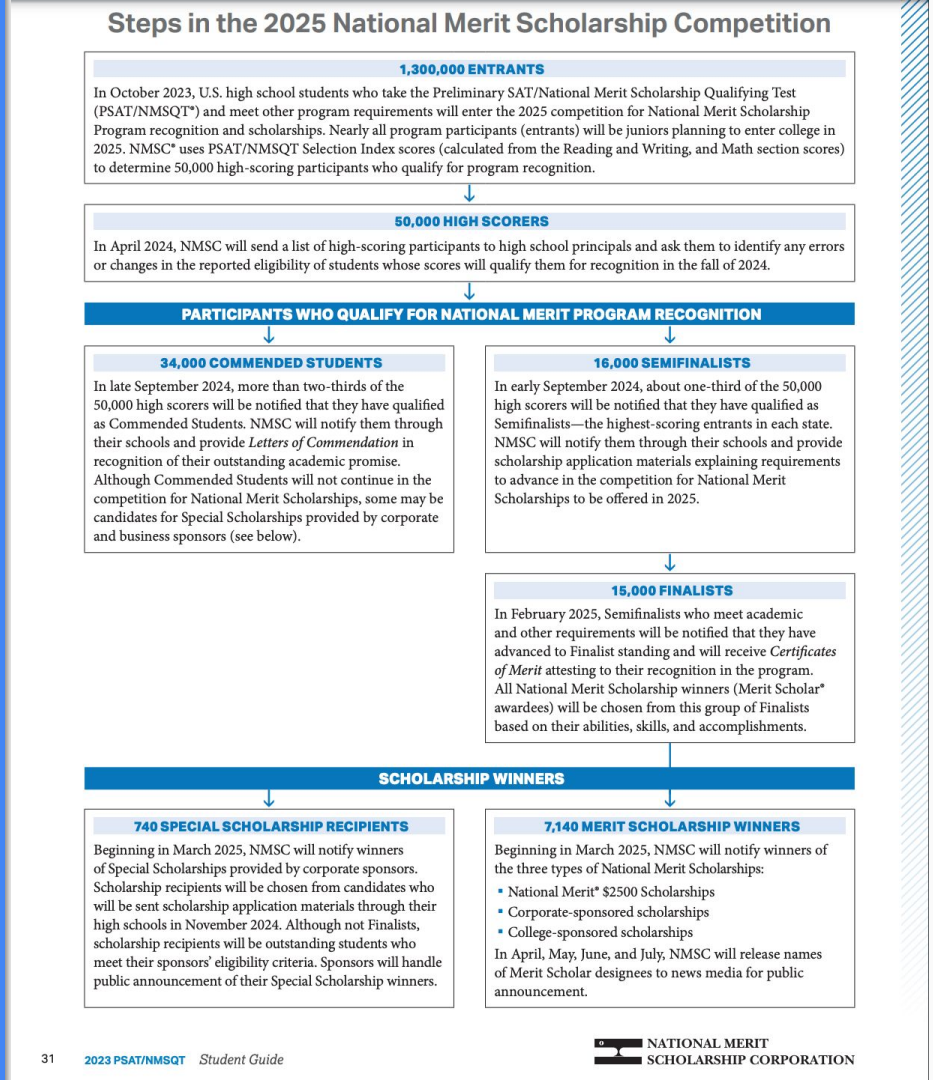
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# NMSC Timeline

- October 2025 - Complete PSAT
- April 2026 - Principal notified of “high scoring” PVHS junior participants
- Early September 2026 - Principal notified of PVHS Semifinalists
- Late September 2026 - Principal notified of PVHS Commended students
- February 2027 - PVHS Semifinalists notified if they advance to Finalist status
- March 2027 - Scholarship recipients notified



## Steps in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Competition

**1,300,000 ENTRANTS**

In October 2023, U.S. high school students who take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®) and meet other program requirements will enter the 2025 competition for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition and scholarships. Nearly all program participants (entrants) will be juniors planning to enter college in 2025. NMSC® uses PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores (calculated from the Reading and Writing, and Math section scores) to determine 50,000 high-scoring participants who qualify for program recognition.

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**50,000 HIGH SCORERS**

In April 2024, NMSC will send a list of high-scoring participants to high school principals and ask them to identify any errors or changes in the reported eligibility of students whose scores will qualify them for recognition in the fall of 2024.

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**PARTICIPANTS WHO QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM RECOGNITION**

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**34,000 COMMENDED STUDENTS**

In late September 2024, more than two-thirds of the 50,000 high scorers will be notified that they have qualified as Commended Students. NMSC will notify them through their schools and provide *Letters of Commendation* in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. Although Commended Students will not continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships, some may be candidates for Special Scholarships provided by corporate and business sponsors (see below).

**16,000 SEMIFINALISTS**

In early September 2024, about one-third of the 50,000 high scorers will be notified that they have qualified as Semifinalists—the highest-scoring entrants in each state. NMSC will notify them through their schools and provide scholarship application materials explaining requirements to advance in the competition for National Merit Scholarships to be offered in 2025.

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**15,000 FINALISTS**

In February 2025, Semifinalists who meet academic and other requirements will be notified that they have advanced to Finalist standing and will receive *Certificates of Merit* attesting to their recognition in the program. All National Merit Scholarship winners (Merit Scholar® awardees) will be chosen from this group of Finalists based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments.

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**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

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**740 SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Beginning in March 2025, NMSC will notify winners of Special Scholarships provided by corporate sponsors. Scholarship recipients will be chosen from candidates who will be sent scholarship application materials through their high schools in November 2024. Although not Finalists, scholarship recipients will be outstanding students who meet their sponsors’ eligibility criteria. Sponsors will handle public announcement of their Special Scholarship winners.

**7,140 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

Beginning in March 2025, NMSC will notify winners of the three types of National Merit Scholarships:

- National Merit® $2500 Scholarships
- Corporate-sponsored scholarships
- College-sponsored scholarships

In April, May, June, and July, NMSC will release names of Merit Scholar designees to news media for public announcement.

# National Merit Scholarship*

*Only juniors can qualify for this.

- **Timeline:**
  - Take PSAT Fall 2025
  - Semifinalists announced in September 2026
  - Winners announced and notified in Spring 2027
- **PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index** The PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index score is calculated using a student's section scores and the following **formula: 2RW + M/10 = Selection Index Score**
- NMSC uses PSAT/NMSQT **Selection Index** scores as an initial screen of some **1.3 million program entrants**.
- **Eligibility:** If you are not eligible (sophomores) or do not qualify, you will have an asterisk (*) next to your score. If you do qualify, you will not have anything next to your score. If you qualified, you will be contacted by NMSQT in September.
- **Semifinalists:** Only scores earned on administrations of the SAT or ACT from August 2024 through December 2026 will be considered by NMSC. NMSC will not accept scores from a test administration taken earlier than August 2024 or later than December 2026.

# NMSC Reminders, Next Steps, & Resources

- The total score for PSAT/NMSQT ranges from 320 to 1520. It is the sum of your Math section score added to your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section score.
- If you have qualified for National Merit, you MUST take the SAT and/or ACT in order to potentially become a finalist. Scores must be from no earlier than August 2024 and no later than December 2026.

- Student Guide (start p. 30): Click Here.
- Family Guide: Click Here
- More info on National Merit: Click Here
- National Merit Resources Page (including how to apply if you are a semifinalist): Click Here
- Optional: for more details on score information: Click Here.
- Review more details at satsuite.org/whatsnext

# Need Score or Account Help

- If you don't receive your score or need to update any info once you login, you can call or email College Board.
- You may also try logging into the Big Future Mobile app: Click here.

**Phone:** 866-433-7728

**Email:** psathelp@info.collegeboard.org