Understanding 2018 PSAT 10 Results

A PARENT TUTORIAL

A Case Study: Ima B. Student’s PSAT 10 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™ 10 Score Report. (Note: The figures shown here are samples and do not necessarily correspond to actual results.)

What Are Ima’s Scores?
Ima’s Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score is 430 and her Math score is 530. In Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Ima’s score is at the benchmark, indicating that she is on track for college readiness. In Math, Ima is exceeding the benchmark and is on track. Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores can give Ima a better understanding of the areas to work on.

What Are Ima’s Score Percentiles?
Since Ima is in 10th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 10th graders in the nation. Ima scored as well or better in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing than 39% of a nationally representative group of sophomores. In Math, she scored as well as or better than 76% of a nationally representative group of sophomores. Additional percentiles are available in Ima’s online score report.

How Will Ima Do on the SAT?
The PSAT 10 and the SAT® are scored on a common scale; therefore, if Ima had taken the SAT instead of the PSAT 10 on the same test date, she would have received the same score. When Ima takes the SAT, she will likely have had additional learning from school and practice. Her PSAT 10 results can help Ima focus her efforts in high school to be better prepared for the SAT.

What Are Ima’s Score Ranges?
Ima can sign in to her online score report to see her score ranges. They indicate how much her score would likely vary if she took the test repeatedly under the same conditions, with no change in her skill level.
How Can Ima Improve Her Academic Skills?

"Your Scores: Next Steps" are based on her test scores, and what general skills similarly performing students understand. Ima can see which skills she performed well on and which she needs to improve. When she goes online and signs in to the full report, she can see additional skills and improvement steps. 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 and to see her potential for AP® coursework.

When Should Ima Take the SAT?

As a sophomore, Ima should begin planning when she will take the SAT. Most students take the SAT for the first time in their junior year. By planning now, Ima can ensure that she has adequate time to practice for the SAT. She can register for the test and take advantage of practice resources by visiting studentscores.collegeboard.org.

How Can Ima Learn from Her Answers?

Using her score report with her PSAT 10 test booklet, Ima can see the actual questions, correct answers, and difficulty level alongside her own answers. She can use her online score report to review the questions she answered incorrectly or omitted and see detailed answer explanations.
Hi, Ima B. Student

School Name: John F. Kennedy High School, School Code: 123456
Spring 2018, 10th Grade
Student ID: 24068907
Optional Code: 00
Access Code: A02670146P
College Board ID: 12345678

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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 Coursework
See which AP courses may be good matches for you.

Register for the SAT
Select an SAT test date, and register for it now.
Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score  
**430** 160 to 760  
Your Nationally Representative **39th** Sample Percentile  

Your score shows that you're on track to be ready for college.  
We can help you stay on track and build your skills. Go to satpractice.org and share your scores for a free personalized study plan.

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Your Total Score  
**960** 320 to 1520  
Your Nationally Representative **58th** Sample Percentile  

Keep in mind the PSAT™, the PSAT/NMSQT®, and SAT® are on the same scale.  
Your score shows how you would have scored that day on the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT. How well you do depends on what you do next!

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Your Math Score  
**530** 160 to 760  
Your Nationally Representative **76th** Sample Percentile  

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The College and Career Readiness Benchmark  
Reaching your grade-level benchmark means that you are likely on track to be ready for select first-year, credit-bearing college courses.  

- **Red** Need to strengthen skills  
- **Yellow** Approaching benchmark  
- **Green** Meet or exceed benchmark  

*The red, yellow, and green ranges in the test scores and subscores reflect your areas of strengths and weaknesses, compared to the typical performance of students in your grade.*

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### Test Scores  
8 to 38 range*  

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### Cross-Test Scores  
8 to 38 range  

- 25 Analysis in History/Social Studies  
- 20 Analysis in Science

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### Subscores  
1 to 15 range*  

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Test scores are single snapshots in time—if you took the PSAT10 once a week for a month, your scores would vary. That's why score ranges are better representations of your true ability. They show how much your score can change with repeated testing, and even if your skill level remains the same. Your online score report shows your score ranges.

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Ima B. Student  
Spring 2018, 10th Grade, Student ID 24098907
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:

- Read a moderately challenging passage closely to draw a reasonable inference.
- Determine the best textual evidence for an inference when both evidence and inference are relatively obvious and direct (e.g., a clearly stated fact as evidence for a simple inference).
- Determine the central idea or theme of a moderately challenging passage.

**Reading Test**

- **Score:** 23
- **Range:** 8 to 38
- Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:
  - When you are reading complex texts, look closely at the key information and ideas, and then use them to help you determine the central idea or theme the authors want to convey.
  - When you read, think about how a particular part of a text, such as a sentence, relates to and furthers the purpose of the text as a whole. Consider, for example, whether a certain detail illustrates a larger idea or provides a fact in support of it.

**Writing and Language Test**

- **Score:** 20
- **Range:** 8 to 38
- Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:
  - In drafting and revising, use vocabulary knowledge and an understanding of particular contexts to make effective word and phrase choices.
  - In revising, eliminate wordiness or redundancy within a sentence, such as when adjectives with the same meaning or very similar meanings (e.g., “fast” and “quick”) are used to describe the same thing.

- Use supporting information to achieve a simple purpose (e.g., providing a short list of examples introduced by “for instance”).
- Recognize and correct an obviously inappropriate shift in verb tense (e.g., using present tense when the context clearly calls for past tense).
- Distinguish between singular and plural possessive nouns and between plural and possessive nouns.

**Math Test**

- **Score:** 26.5
- **Range:** 8 to 38
- Improve your skills by focusing on the following suggestions:
  - Use function notation to represent dependent relationships.
  - Write radical expressions in equivalent forms using fractional exponents.
  - Add, subtract, multiply, and divide radical expressions.
  - Use the inverse relationship between roots and exponents to solve equations.
- Solve a linear equation in one variable.
- Identify a key feature of one representation (graph, equation, table, etc.) of a linear relationship based on information about a different representation.
- Factor a monomial from a polynomial expression.
- Factor a trinomial into two binomials.

Get more next steps online

- **SAT Practice**
  - Connect to Khan Academy for FREE, world-class SAT practice on satpractice.org.

- **AP and Coursework**
  - See which AP courses may be good matches for you.

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

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