

A PARENT TUTORIAL » UNDERSTANDING 2015-16 PSAT™ 8/9 RESULTS

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 360 and Math is 420. 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?

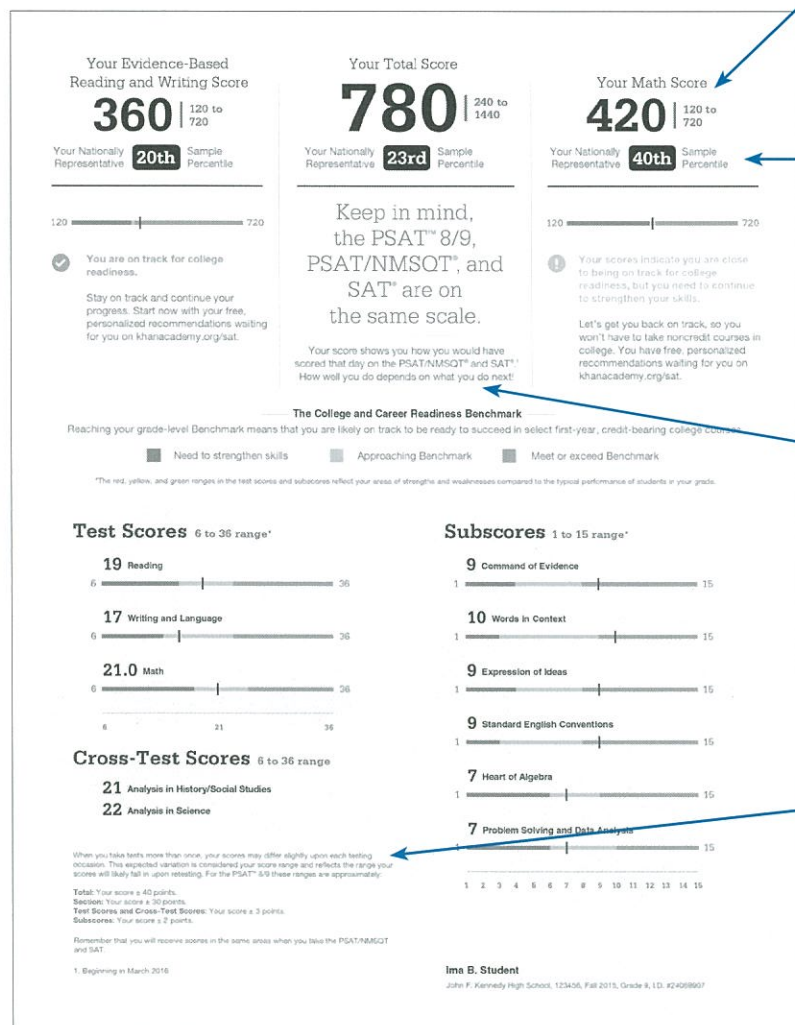
Since Ima is in the 9th grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all 9th-graders in the nation. Ima scored as well or better than 23 percent of a nationally representative group of 9th-grade students. In Math, she scored as well or better than 40 percent of a nationally representative 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.



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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 course work plan in high school.

Your Scores: Next Steps

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to: **Reading Test** **19** (6 to 36) **Improve your skills by focusing on your ability to:**

- 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

Writing and Language Test **17** (6 to 35)

- 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

Math Test **21.0** (6 to 35)

- Interpret a linear inequality in one variable with rational coefficients that represents a context. Select the equation of a line or 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 in 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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Free Practice
Practice the skills you'll need for high school and beyond—free online on khanacademy.org/sat

Core Course Work
Use your results to create a core course work plan in high school

Explore
Begin to explore careers that might interest you—link directly from your online score report

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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 studentscores.collegeboard.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.

Your Question-Level Feedback

Writing and Language					Math Test – Calculator					Math Test – No Calculator				
Question #	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score	Question #	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score	Question #	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	✓	●●●	SEC		1	✓	●●●	HQA		1	✓	●●●	HQA	
2	✓	●●●	ECL CDE		2	✓	●●●	PSD		2	✓	●●●	HQA	
3	✓	●●●	ECL WIC		3	✓	●●●	PSD	HSA	3	✗	●●●	HQA	
4	✓	●●●	SEC		4	✗	●●●	HQA		4	✓	●●●	HQA	
5	✓	●●●	ECL WIC		5	✓	●●●	PSD	SCI	5	✓	●●●	HQA	HSS
6	✗	●●●	SEC		6	✗	●●●	HQA		6	✗	●●●	HQA	
7	✓	●●●	ECL CDE		7	✓	●●●	HQA		7	✓	●●●	HQA	
8	✓	●●●	ECL		8	✓	●●●	PSD	SCI	8	✓	●●●	HQA	
9	✓	●●●	ECL		9	✓	●●●	PSD	SCI	9	✓	●●●	HQA	
10	✗	●●●	SEC		10	✗	●●●	SEC		10	✗	●●●	HQA	SCI
11	✓	●●●	SEC		11	✓	●●●	HQA		11	✓	●●●	HQA	
12	✓	●●●	ECL CDE	HSA	12	✓	●●●	PHD		12	✓	●●●	HQA	
13	✓	●●●	ECL CDE	HSA	13	✓	●●●	PSD	SCI	13	✓	●●●	HQA	
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15	✓	●●●	ECL	HSA	15	✗	●●●	HQA		15	✗	●●●	HQA	
16	✓	●●●	SEC		16	✓	●●●	PSD		16	✗	●●●	HQA	
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21	✓	●●●	WIC	SCI	21	✗	●●●	SEC		21	✓	●●●	PSD	HSA
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23	✓	●●●	SCI		23	✓	●●●	SEC		23	✓	●●●	HQA	
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40	✓	●●●	WIC	SCI	40	✗	●●●	ECL		40	✓	●●●	HQA	
41	✓	●●●	SCI											
42	✓	●●●	CDE	SCI										

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