

Understanding Your PSAT Score Report

- The **PSAT** is a practice exam for the SAT. **PSAT** scores are not used for college admissions, but high scores can earn a student scholarship money, including the National Merit Scholarship. **PSAT** scores are a good predictor for how you may score on the real SAT. The score report can help you identify your strengths and weaknesses as they relate to the skills you are being tested on, so you know what you can work on as you prep for the SAT. The PSAT can be used as a starting point, rather than a final indicator, if you use it to address skill areas needing improvement.
- Your score is based upon being tested in 3 skill areas: Critical Reading, Writing, and Math.
- When looking at your score report, the 3 primary scores you should look at include:
 - Your **Total** Score
 - Your Evidence-Based **Reading & Writing** Score
 - Your **Math** Score
- The PSAT is scored on the same rubric, but a slightly different scale, as the real SAT. The SAT is scored in a range of 400-1600, the PSAT is scored in a range of 320-1520.
- The **National Percentile** compares you to everyone else who took the PSAT on the test date. For example, a 70th percentile score means you scored equal or higher than 70% of the students who took the PSAT during that particular test administration.

Here is a breakdown of what is important about your 3 primary scores:

Score	What is it?	Why it's important
TOTAL SCORE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sum of your two section scores• Score range: 320-1520	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your total score can help you predict how you may score on the SAT.• Use the % to see how you rank against other test-takers.• High scores & percentiles can earn National Merit recognition for students in the 11th grade.
READING & WRITING SCORE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 of 2 section scores• Score range: 160-760	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify which sections/skills you are strong in and which ones you find to be areas of challenge in order to help you prep.• Use the % to see how you rank against other test-takers.
MATH SCORE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 of 2 section scores• Score range: 160-760	

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