To find your results

• Go to your collegeboard account
• Hand out that Ms. Glieden gives you
• College board video to explain results:
  • https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt/scores/understanding-scores/your-score-explained
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.

What are Parker’s scores?
Parker’s Reading and Writing score is 620, and his Math score is 500, for a total score of 1,120. 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 11th grade, the percentiles compare his scores with those of all 11th graders in the nation. Parker scored as well or better in Reading and Writing than 60% of a nationally representative group of 11th-grade students. In Math, he scored as well or better than 70% of a nationally 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 is based 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 is based on state-specific information and isn’t tied to Parker’s performance on the PSAT/NMSQT. However, if Parker is thinking about different paths to take after high school, he can explore tailored options that match his interests and skills at satstudent.org/whatsonext.
Will Parker be able to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program?

Parker has an NMSC Selection Index score of 174 (on a scale of 148–228), which was determined by first doubling his Reading and Writing section score (568) 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?

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.
Understanding Your results

• Gives you a total score (top left)
  • And to the right, it gives you a percentile rank (meaning: if you have a 75..it means you tested in the 75% percentile among your peers)

• Below that, it breaks your scores down between Reading/Writing and Math

• If you tested in the 94-95 percentile you should consider taking the SAT
  • Go to collegeboard to find a testing site

SAT Test Center Search
Find places that offer the SAT.
• National Merit Scholarship Corporation
  • First page, top right score
  • Directions on how to find this is on your handout

• If you index score places you among the 50,000 high scorers who qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship, you will be notified in September
National Merit Scholarship Corporation

For more information, visit:


National Merit Scholarship Program
PSAT Map of Steps

01. Take the PSAT
   - Sign up to take the PSAT in the fall of your junior year. The exam is given online and takes about 2.5 hours.

02. Qualify for National Merit Scholarship
   - Of all test takers, the top 50,000 (typically in the 99 percentile) have an opportunity to be commended. On average, 2/3 of those students (approximately 34,000) will be a commended student. A letter will come to the student in the fall notifying them of this accomplishment.

03. Test Results
   - Attend the results meeting with a counselor to help understand your results. If you test in around the 84-95% and up it is recommended to take the SAT.

04. Semi-Finalist
   - Approximately 1/6 of the 50,000 high scores will qualify as a Semi-Finalist (highest scoring entrants in each state). Students will receive materials explaining requirements to advance in the competition.

05. Finalist
   - Approximately 2,500 are expected to become finalists. They will have several requirements to maintain and proceed in order to get a Certificate of Merit and be considered for National Merit Scholarships.
DISTRICT 742 WILL OFFER TO ALL 11TH GRADE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THE ACT IN THE SPRING OF THE JUNIOR YEAR.

LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS
Snapshot of Growing Careers in MN

- This information is specific to the state of MN (not the individual test taker)
Thank you!

Questions?

St. Cloud Area School District 742!