

Will you qualify as a
National Merit Scholar?



PSAT & National Merit

It is NOT just another test.





The PSAT is mostly a practice version of the SAT® and can lead to more money for college. The PSAT is the qualifying exam for National Merit Scholarship. The highest performers on this exam are eligible to earn scholarships through this program, and even just becoming a Commended Scholar can be a helpful addition to your application.

How to read your scorecard:



psat.org/scorereport

Why should a student take PSAT?

Increased ACT scores

AP potential information

College and Career Planning

Potential for scholarship money and National recognition

Personalized test prep

Practice for PSAT (11th grade) and SAT

What's a good
score?

PSAT top score

1520

760 on ELA & 760 on Math

SAT top score

1600

Excellent score

SAT 1500+

PSAT Junior 1460-1500

PSAT Sophomore

1370-1520

Very good score

SAT 1400

PSAT Junior 1360

PSAT Sophomore 1250

Good score

SAT 1200

PSAT Junior 1150

PSAT Sophomore 1050

College Ready score

PSAT Junior 970

PSAT Sophomore 910

Scores			Percentiles	
ACT Score	SAT Score	PSAT Score	SAT & 11th Gr PSAT User Percentiles**	PSAT 10th Gr Users
36	1600	1520	99+	99+
36*	1590*	1520	99+	99+
36	1580	1510	99+	99+
36	1570	1510	99+	99+
35	1560	1500	99+	99+
35	1550	1490	99+	99+
35*	1540*	–	99	–
35	1530	1480	99	99+
34	1520	1480	99	99+
34	1510	1470	99	99+
34*	1500*	1460	99	99+
34	1490	1450	98	99+
33	1480	1440	98	99+
33	1470	1430	98	99
33*	1460*	1410-1420	97	99
33	1450	1400	97	99
32	1440	1390	96	99
32*	1430*	1380	96	99
32	1420	1370	95	99

National Merit Scholarship

Qualifier for
Juniors only.

All other grade
levels are
practicing.

National Merit is
awarded based
on the NMSC
Selection Index

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This is a score based on the sum of all subtest x2

Typically scores over 215 will be commended

and scores over 219/220 will be semi-finalist/finalist

**Not guaranteed. The selection index changes every year.

Top 50,000 are recognized

36,000 are commended.

16,000 are semi-finalist

15,000 are finalist.

National Merit and Scholarship Info

Commended \$2500.00

Corporate Scholarship

Finalist

Why does this matter?

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This is REALLY attainable but every year we have students who fall short over a few questions.

Resulting in lost opportunities and scholarship dollars.

The research shows

If you do	then you will
nothing	improve 60 points just from a year of growth.
practice on Khan Academy for six hours	improve by 90 points.
practice on Khan Academy for 20 hours	improve by 200 points.
use multiple levels of prep	improve by 200+ points.

Personalized Study with Khan Academy

The College Board and Khan Academy® have partnered to make practicing easy and personal. At Khan Academy, you can access thousands of questions approved by the College Board, take official SAT practice tests, and create personalized study plans based on your results.

Taking an SAT practice test is good practice for the PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 because the assessments measure the same skills and knowledge in ways that make sense for different grade levels.