

Using Your PSAT/NMSQT® Scores to Increase College Readiness



Get to Know the PSAT/NMSQT®

- + The PSAT/NMSQT® is highly relevant to your future success because it focuses on the skills and knowledge at the heart of education. It measures:
 - What you learn in high school
 - What you need to succeed in college
- + The PSAT/NMSQT measures reading, writing and language, and math skills developed over many years, both in and out of school.
- + The PSAT/NMSQT does not ask for facts from literature, history, or science, or recall of math formulas, because it measures your reasoning and critical thinking skills.
- You don't have to discover secret tricks or cram the night before.
- + There is no penalty for guessing.
- + The test length is 2 hours, 45 minutes







What are the Benefits of Taking the PSAT/NMSQT®?

- Prepare for the new SAT®, coming in March 2016
- Get free, personalized, and focused practice through Khan Academy[®]
- Start getting ready for college with college and career planning tools
- Enter the National Merit[®]
 Scholarship Program
- See which AP[®] courses you might be ready for
- Get admission and financial aid information from colleges



How Do I Access My PSAT/NMSQT® Scores and Reports?

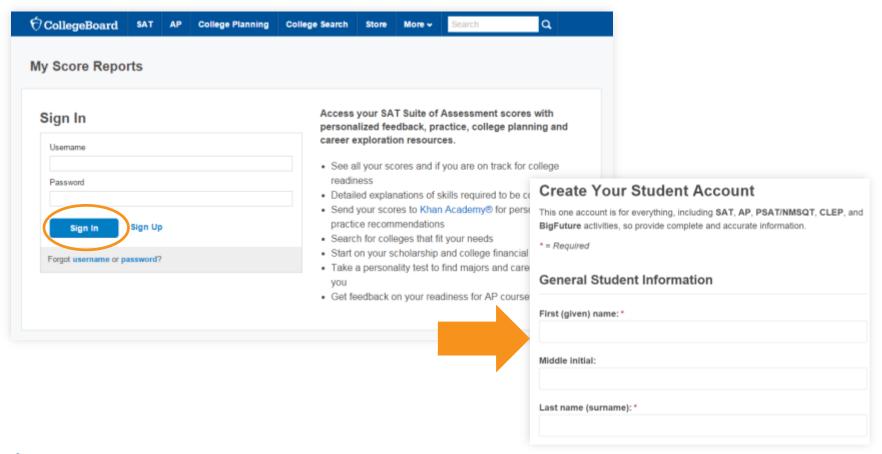


- 1. Review your Online reports
- 2. Review Your Paper Score Report



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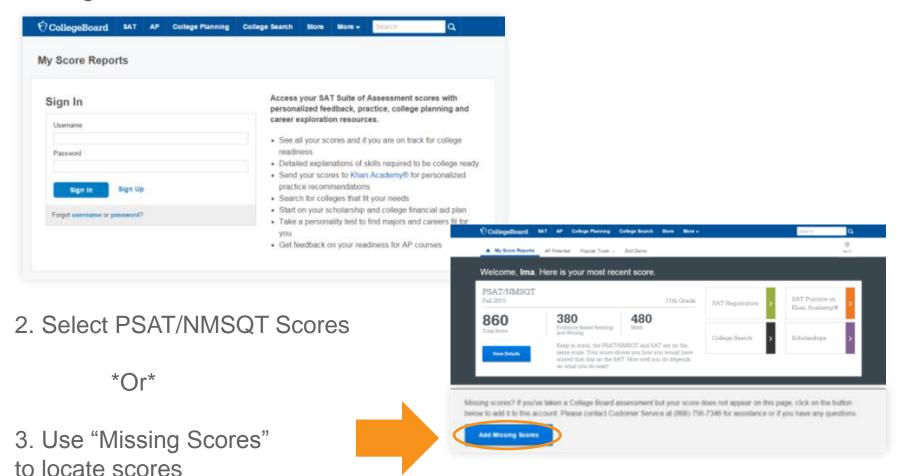
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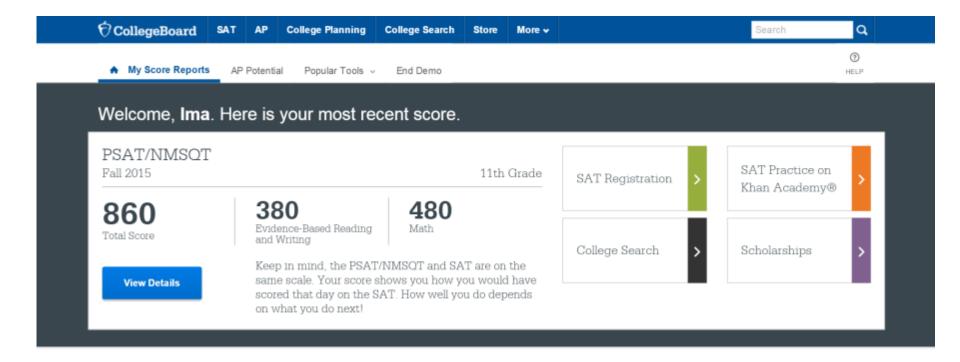
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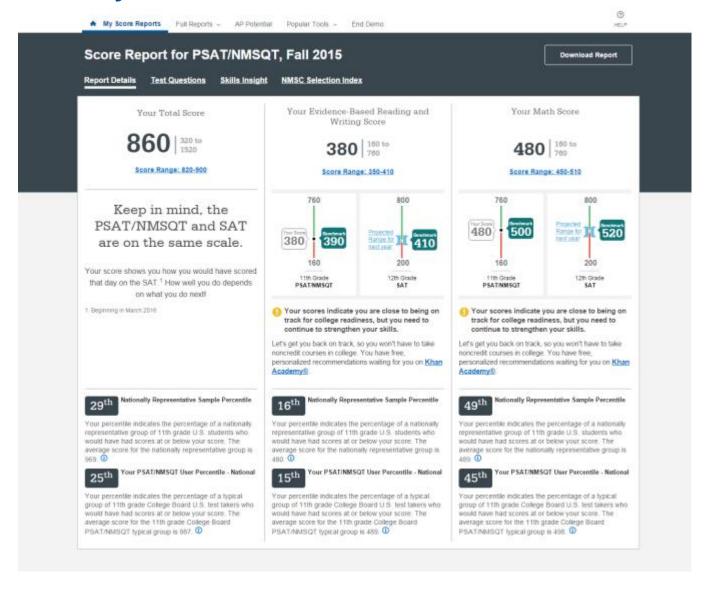


What Will I Learn About My Scores?





How Do I See My Detailed Scores?





How Will I Do on the SAT[®]?

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score Your Math Score

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score

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Score Range: 350-410



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Score Range: 450-510

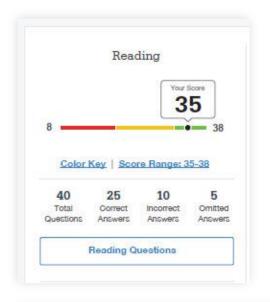


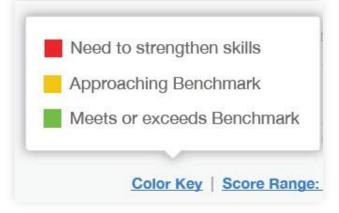
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How Did My Score Measure Against College Readiness Benchmarks?

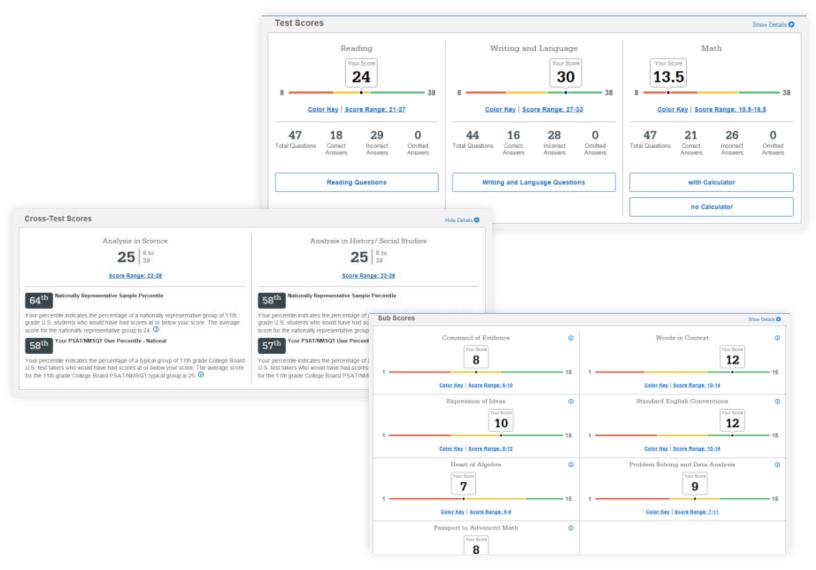
- Section, test, and subscores all report scores in performance zones which indicate whether you are on track for success in the first year of college.
- For section scores
 - Need to Strengthen Skills = below gradelevel benchmark by more than one year
 - Approaching Benchmark = below gradelevel benchmark by one year or less
 - Meets or exceeds Benchmark = at or above grade-level benchmark
- + For test scores and subscores,
 - Red, yellow, and green ranges reflect areas of strengths and weaknesses compared to the typical performance of students





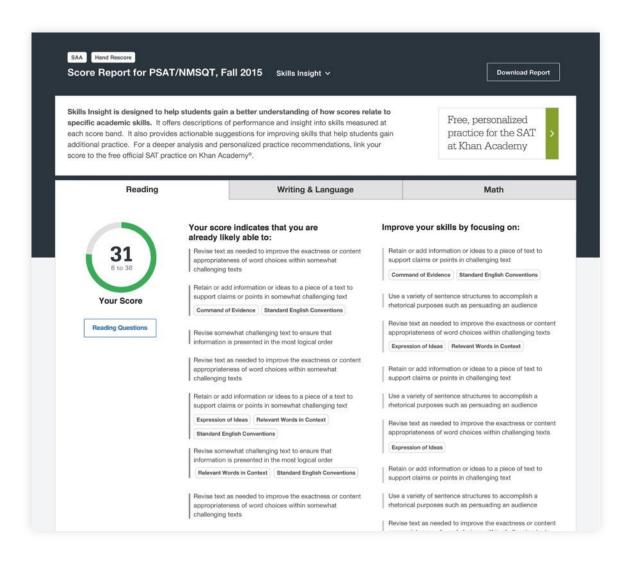


What Do My Scores Tell Me?





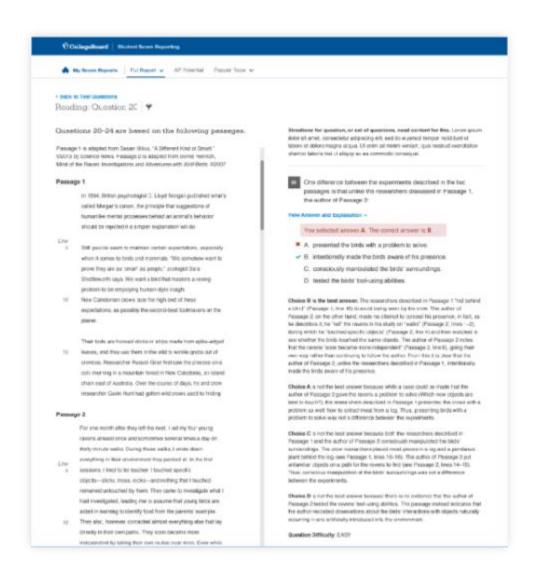
How Can I Improve My Academic Skills?





What Can I Learn From My Answers?

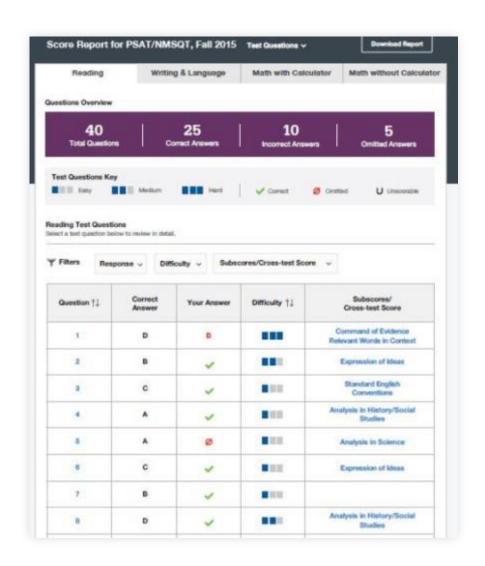
- Look at my online score report
 - Identify the questions
 I answered incorrectly
 - Find the correct answer and read the answer explanation
 - Explain why the error was made
 - Ask questions about answer explanations that are not clear





What Can I Learn From My Answers? (cont.)

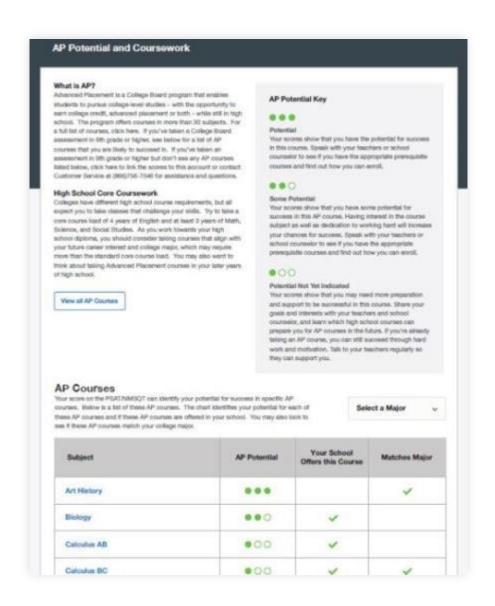
- Look at the types of questions I answered incorrectly and skipped:
 - Identify the level of difficulty. How many questions did I miss at each level?
 - Was I more likely to skip questions associated with any subscore or cross-test score?
 - What inferences can I make about areas for improvement based on the types of questions I missed and skipped?





What is My AP Potential[™]?

- + College Board research shows that students who score a 3 or higher on an AP Exam typically experience greater academic success in college and are more likely to earn a college degree on time than non-AP students.
- AP Potential™ uses scores from the PSAT/NMSQT to provide predictions for 21 AP Fxams





Understanding My Paper Score Report

CollegeBoard NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

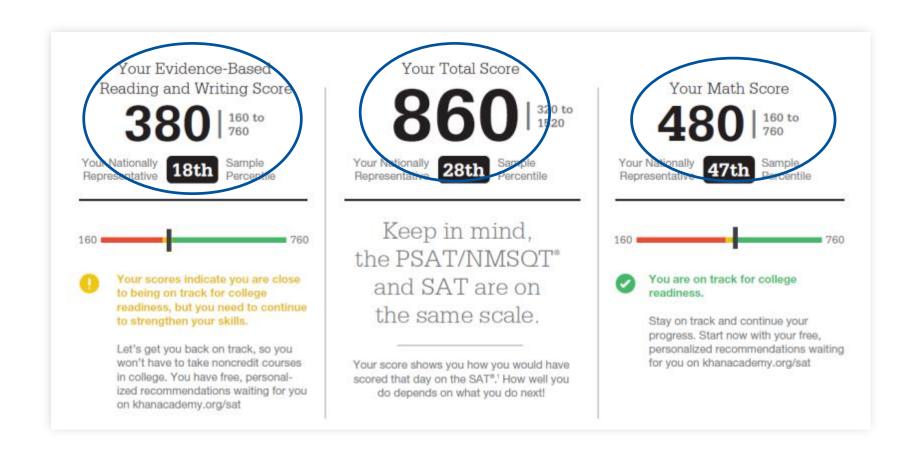
PSAT/NMSQT®

Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

Your Score Report

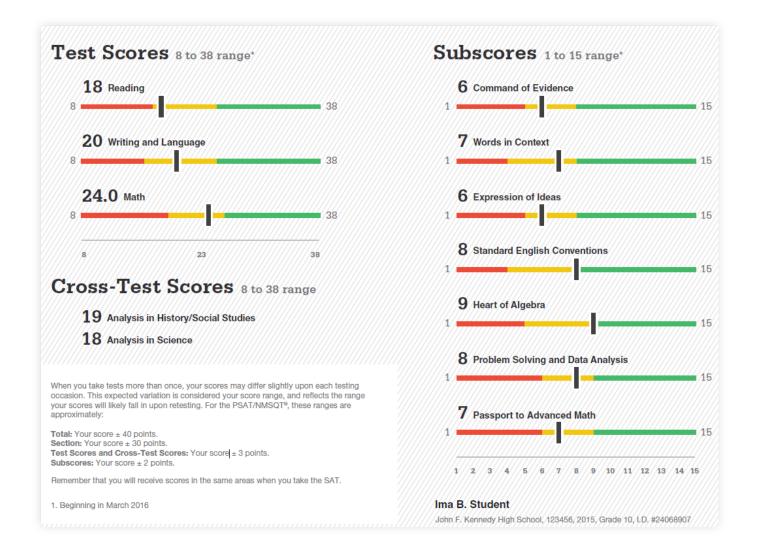


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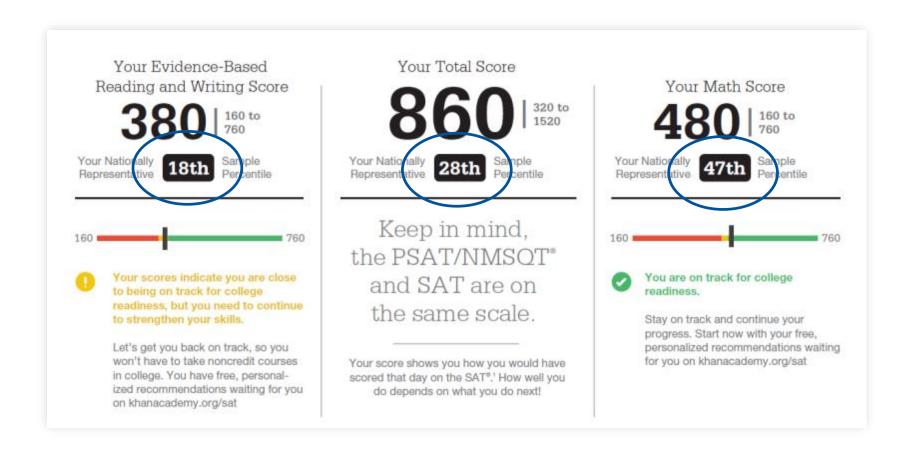


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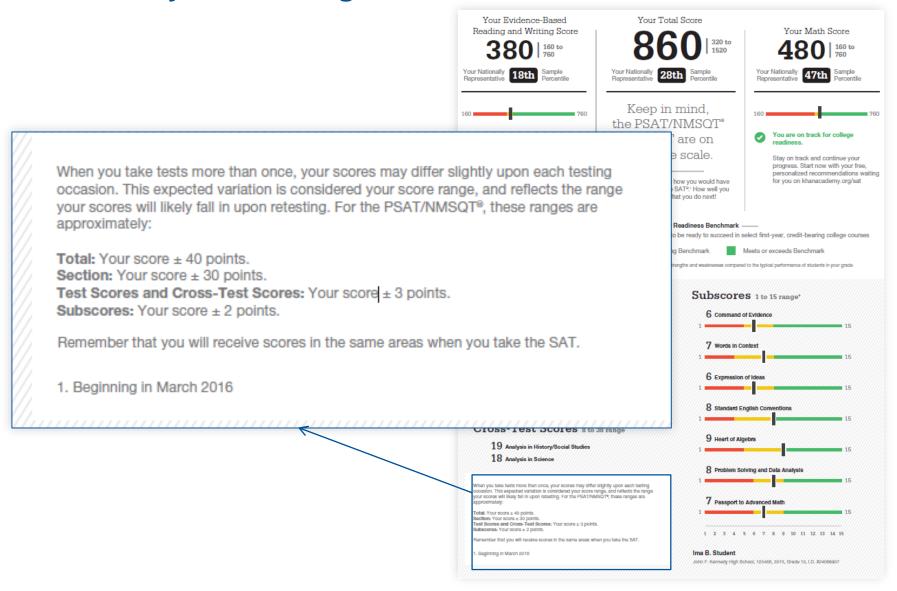


What Are My Score Percentiles?





What Are My Score Ranges?





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and I intend to become a U.S. citizen at the
antifect accordingly selected by law.

■ National Merit Scholarship Corporation

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) conducts the National Merit® Scholarship Program, an academic competition for recognition and college scholarships. To designate students who qualify for recognition in its 2017 competition, NMSC will consider the 2015 PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores of some 1.5 million test-takers (usually high school juniors) who meet program entry requirements. For more information, please visit: www.nationalmerit.org.

If any of your responses to NMSC's "Entry Requirements" questions (see right-hand column) are inaccurate or there has been a change in plans that may affect program entry, write immediately to:

National Merit Scholarship Corporation Attn: Scholarship Administration 1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 200 Evanston, IL 60201-4897

Include your name and home address along with your high school name, address, and six-digit code number.

Your NMSC Selection Index

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NMSC uses a Selection Index based on PSAT/NMSQT scores as an initial screen of students who enter its scholarship programs. To calculate your Selection Index, double the sum of of your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

Eligibility Information

"The asterisk (") next to your Selection Index means you do not meet entry requirements for the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. See your responses to entry requirements to the right.

NOTE: Students leaving high school and entering college in 2018 or later must take the PSAT/NMSQT again in their 3rd year (junior year) of grades 9–12 to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Entry Requirements

(Information you provided on your answer sheet)

High school student:

YES

Year to complete high school and enroll full-time in college:

2018

Years to be spent in grades 9-12:

4

U.S. Citizenship:

NO, but I am a U.S. lawful permanent resident (or have applied for permanent residence, the application for which has not been denied) and I intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.

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Writing and Language Test

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Math Test

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Calculate and interpret frequency distributions using tables and other representational methods.

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Determine how a graph may be effected by a change to the equation.

Determine the value of a constant or coefficient for an equation with one or infinitely many solutions.

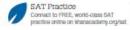
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Within a context, compare the center of two separate data sets with different spreads.

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Get more next steps online

studentscores.collegeboard.org





AP* and Course Work See which AP courses may be a good match for you



Register for the SAT' Select an SAT test date and register for it now



What Are My Areas of Strength? What Skills Do I Need to Build?

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 ■ National Merit Scholarship Corporation



What Are My Next Steps?



- Continue to take challenging courses in high school
- Link scores with Khan Academy
- Set up a practice plan and stick to it
- Register for the SAT
- Utilize other resources to research and prepare for college



Official SAT Practice with Khan Academy® – It's FREE!

- Sign up for Official SAT Practice for free
 - satpractice.org
- Complete practice problems and diagnostic quizzes
- Link your College Board and Khan Academy accounts.
 - All SAT Suite results will be sent to further customize practice on Khan Academy using actual results.





How Can I Practice with Khan Academy[®]?

Saul Khan explains Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy







What steps will I follow to link my College Board account to Khan Academy[®]?



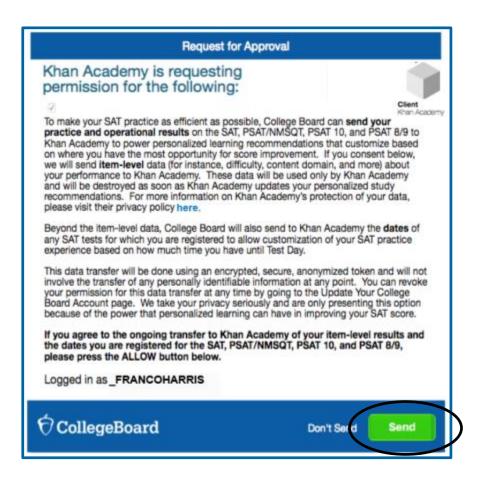
- Step 1: Log in or create a Khan Academy Account
- Step 2: When prompted; agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board account. You will then be directed to collegeboard.org.
- Step 3: Sign in or create a
 College Board Account
- Step 4: When prompted; hit "Send" to authorize the account linking
- + Step 5: Start practicing on Official SAT practice on Khan Academy!



How can I Link my College Board and Khan Academy[®] Accounts?

- After successfully logging in to your College Board account, you will be asked to authorize the account linking.
- After clicking "Send," you will be redirected to SAT practice on the Khan Academy site.
- You can remove the link at any time, by clicking on "Revoke" which is found in College Board account settings.







When Should I Take the SAT®?

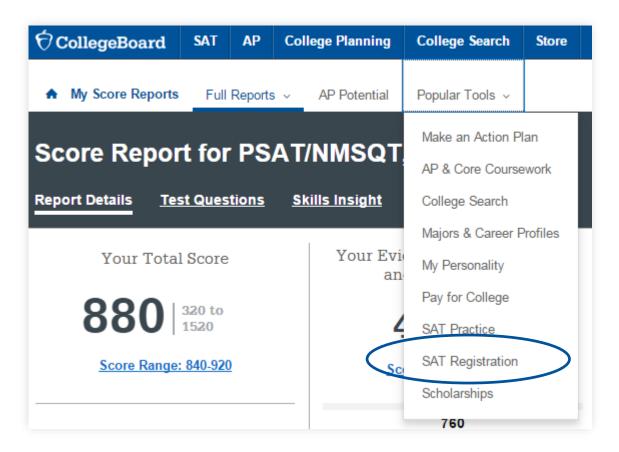
- Most students take the SAT in the spring of their junior year.
- The last administration of the current SAT: January 23, 2016.
- The first administration of the new SAT is March 5, 2016.
- Many students choose to take the SAT more than one time.
 Additional SAT dates include:
 - May 7, 2016 (scores from the March 5 administration will not be available prior to this test date)
 - June 4, 2016





How Do I Register for the SAT[®]?

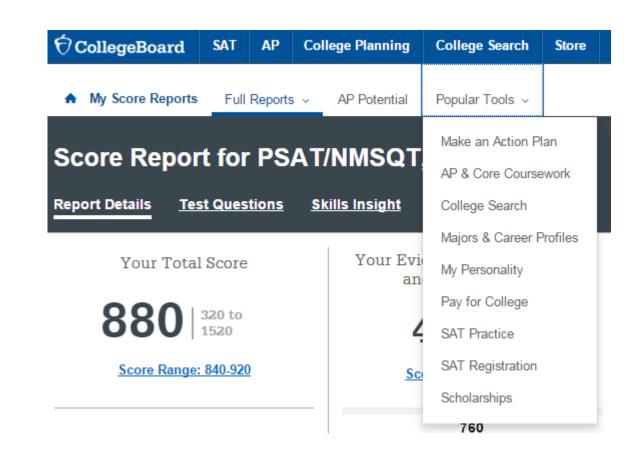
- SAT Registration link from Popular Tools menu or
- + www.sat.org/register





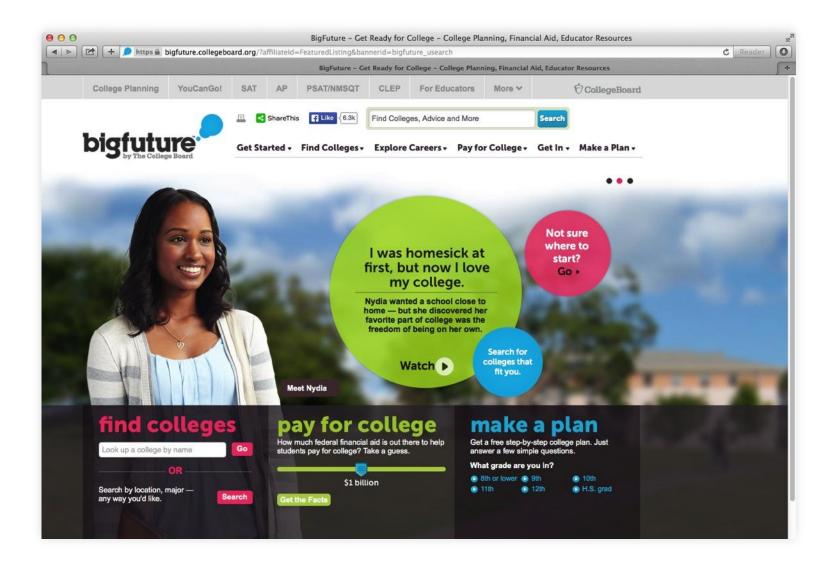
What Additional Resources Will Help Me Prepare for My Future?

- BigFuture™
 - College Action
 Plan
 - College Search
 - Scholarships
 - Financial Aid
- + MyRoad™
 Personality
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- Student Search
 Service[®]



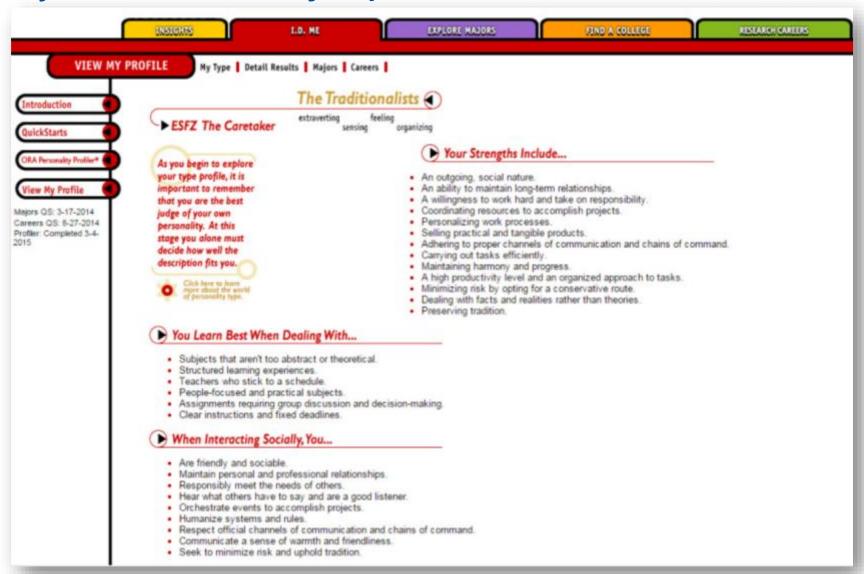


BigFuture™ – Search Colleges, Scholarships, and Careers





MyRoad™ Personality Explorer





Student Search Service®

- Participate voluntarily
- Connect with more than 1,200 colleges, universities, scholarship programs, and educational organizations
- + Sign up when you take the test:
 - 1. Choose to participate in Student Search Service when registering for a College Board test (fill in the circle on the answer sheet).
 - 2. Provide information about yourself on your answer sheet.
 - 3. Participating organizations can then search for groups of students who may be a good fit.
 - 4. FYI: The College Board never shares information on disabilities, parental education, self-reported parental income, Social Security numbers, phone numbers, or actual test scores through Student Search Service.

