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# Understanding Scores

**FOR EDUCATORS**

**PSAT™ 10**

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# PSAT-Related Assessments Score Report Resources

Thank you for administering the PSAT 10 and/or PSAT 8/9 at your school. Included is information about student scores that may be helpful for you, your students, and their families.

## What's Included

This document delves deeper into the meaning of your students' scores, including what the assessment measures, how it is scored, and how you can use the data to monitor your students' progress.

The document also provides:

- Information about estimating how much a score may change as a student progresses through the full SAT® Suite of Assessments.
- A walk-through of sample score reports for the PSAT™ 10 and PSAT™ 8/9 so you can interpret your students' score reports.

## Related Resources

Visit our **Understanding Scores** page at [satsuite.org/p10-scores-educators](https://satsuite.org/p10-scores-educators) (PSAT 10) and [satsuite.org/p89-scores-educators](https://satsuite.org/p89-scores-educators) (PSAT 8/9) to find information about:

- Score release dates for educators.
- Managing access to online scores.
- Resources for online score reports.
- Assessment-specific Understanding Scores brochures for students and families in English and Spanish. Remind parents and students to access this resource for helpful information about scores.

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# The SAT Suite of Assessments

The SAT Suite of Assessments is an integrated system of tests that includes the SAT (for students in grades 11 and 12), the PSAT/NMSQT® and the PSAT 10 (for grades 10 and 11), and the PSAT 8/9 (for grades 8 and 9).

The tests measure the same skills and knowledge in grade-appropriate ways. They work together to show college readiness over time so educators, students, and parents can monitor student progress. Their content reflects the kind of meaningful, engaging, and challenging work that students find in middle school and high school courses taught today.

## Going Digital

While the transition to digital brings a number of student- and educator-friendly changes, many important features of the SAT Suite have stayed the same. The SAT Suite continues to measure the knowledge and skills that students are learning in school and that matter most for college and career readiness. The digital SAT Suite is easier to take, easier to give, more secure, and more relevant. We haven't simply created a digital version of the former paper and pencil tests—we're taking full advantage of what digital testing makes possible.

This Understanding Scores document includes information about how to interpret and use scores on the PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9.

The PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 that schools are administering in 2024 are delivered digitally. Both tests include the following sections:

### READING AND WRITING

The Reading and Writing section measures comprehension and reasoning skills and focuses on close reading of passages in a wide array of subject areas. It also measures a range of skills, including command of evidence, expression of ideas, and the use of standard English conventions in grammar and punctuation.

### MATH

This section includes multiple-choice and student-produced response questions, and students are permitted to use a calculator on all math questions. The Math section assesses skills in algebra, problem-solving and data analysis, manipulation of complex equations, geometry, and trigonometry.

## How the Assessments are Scored

All test questions are first scored as correct or incorrect. There is no penalty for guessing. The difficulty level and other qualities of each question (such as how well it differentiates skill level or how easy it is to guess on a question) as well as whether the student got the question right or wrong are taken into account when calculating a student's score. This score is then converted to the reported scaled score of 160–760 for the PSAT 10 and 120–720 for the PSAT 8/9 on each section. Every test conforms to a standardized specification of question types and qualities, so all students have equitable opportunity to demonstrate their strengths.

## How the Digital Assessments are Organized

The digital SAT Suite uses multistage adaptive testing (MST). Relying on MST means we can fairly and accurately measure the same things with a shorter, more secure test while preserving test reliability. Both the Reading and Writing and the Math sections are divided into two equal-length and separately timed stages, each composed of a module of questions. The first module contains a mix of easy, medium, and hard questions. Based on how a student performs on the first module, the second module of questions will either be more difficult or less difficult.

By adapting to a student's performance level, the responsive test will result in a more efficient assessment of that student's academic strengths.

# Interpreting Scores

## Score Reporting Features

Later in this document, you'll find annotated sample score reports (pages 8–9 for PSAT 10 and pages 10–11 for PSAT 8/9) that include detailed explanations of the information that students receive about their college readiness skills.

The online score reporting portal at [k12reports.collegeboard.org](https://k12reports.collegeboard.org) offers you an array of powerful tools to assess your students' progress and plan instruction that delivers what they need. These tools include:

- Flexible reports that can be sorted and filtered by key demographics.
- Instructional planning support using specific content areas, benchmarks, information for cross-subject tasks, and data for prescribing interventions when students are behind or ahead.
- Access to the AP Potential™ tool to pinpoint students who are likely to succeed in more challenging courses.
- Ability to print a paper copy of the student score report, including total and section scores.

## How You Can Use the Student Score Report

You can help students by reviewing their score reports and helping them understand what their scores mean. Here's how.

### SHARE SCORE REPORT PDFs WITH STUDENTS

Through our K–12 score reporting portal, educators can access the official downloadable score report PDF for printing and sharing with the student. Educators can also see additional interpretive insights about the student's results. The PDF, titled "Your Score Report" (samples shown on pages 12 (PSAT 10) and 13 (PSAT 8/9) clearly summarizes a student's current achievement levels and encourages next steps to increase college and career readiness. Teachers can go over the official score report PDFs with students to help them understand what their scores mean. Reviewing their scores can also help students see their strengths, which can increase their confidence and show them content areas in which they can handle more advanced coursework.

## TALK WITH STUDENTS ABOUT COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

In the online K–12 score reporting portal, you'll see an indicator that shows whether the student's score meets the grade-level benchmark. These benchmarks allow students and educators to understand how students are progressing toward college readiness.

- If a student is meeting the benchmark for a section, remind them to continue to take rigorous courses and work hard to stay on track for college success.
- If a student is not meeting the benchmark for a section, connect them to classroom work that is focused on areas that need improvement.
- Work with your students to think of ways to develop each of the skills you have identified for focus and improvement.
- Encourage students to review their score report.

For further guidance on interpreting score reports, see the Professional Development modules for K–12 educators at [sat.org/educators](https://sat.org/educators).

## EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS

When reviewing scores with students, educators may be asked about Career Insights Snapshot—a new feature of the score report that shows growing careers in their state that also connect to the skills they demonstrated on the test. These careers are examples, not recommendations, and can be used to talk to students about key aspects of careers and the different opportunities they can consider after high school. See the case studies on page 8 (PSAT 10) and 10 (PSAT 8/9) for more information.

# PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 Scores

## Total Scores

The total score is the sum of the two section scores. Total scores for the PSAT 10 range from 320–1520. Total scores for the PSAT 8/9 range from 240–1440.

## Section Scores

Students receive scores for each of two sections.

- The Reading and Writing section
- The Math section

## Accessing Official Student Scores

When scores for PSAT-related assessments are released, schools will need to let their students know there are multiple ways to view their scores. As part of school day testing, students will not be contacted by College Board directly unless they are using the BigFuture® School mobile app to receive their scores. A downloadable score report PDF called “Your Score Report” is provided for every PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 test taker. Students can review their PDF score report with educators at their school. Schools have access to the downloadable score report PDFs for their students through the online K-12 score reporting portal.

Students who took the PSAT 10 and chose to provide a mobile phone number during testing can view their scores on the BigFuture School app. For more information, see page 5 in this document, or go to [satsuite.org/k12bigfutureschool](https://satsuite.org/k12bigfutureschool).

**NOTE:** The BigFuture School app is available to U.S. in-school test takers 13 and over. Students taking the PSAT 8/9 are not eligible. See page 5 for more information.

As always, students age 13 and older may use a personal College Board student account to view additional insights online.

## Information About Scores

In the official score report PDF, the student can view the three scores available from their PSAT 10 or PSAT 8/9 assessment—total score, Reading and Writing section score, and Math section score. For each score, the official score report PDF includes:

- The range of possible scores:
  - ♦ **PSAT 10:** 320–1520 for total score and 160–760 for section scores.
  - ♦ **PSAT 8/9:** 240–1440 for total score and 120–720 for section scores.
- The All Tester Percentile (formally called the “User Percentile”) of each score. For example, if a student’s score is in the 70th percentile, 70% of a comparison group achieved scores at or below that student’s score.

**All Tester Percentiles** are based on the actual scores of the past 3 cohorts of students who took a particular assessment (either PSAT 10 or PSAT 8/9), for tests completed anywhere in the world. Students are provided the percentile data that aligns with their current grade. If a student tests and is not in a grade that typically takes that assessment, they are provided the nearest percentile to their grade (i.e., a 7th grader who takes PSAT 8/9 is provided the 8th grade percentile).

## Score Ranges

A student's ability is better represented by score ranges than points. Score ranges are derived from the standard error of measurement and show how much a student's scores would likely vary if they took a different administration of the test under identical conditions.

The table below shows approximate score ranges based on recent administrations of the PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9.

	Score Ranges	
	PSAT 10	PSAT 8/9
<b>Total</b>	± 40 points	± 40 points
<b>Reading &amp; Writing</b>	± 30 points	± 20 points
<b>Math</b>	± 30 points	± 30 points

## Information About Knowledge and Skills

Students can view a graphic showing their performance on each of the 8 content areas measured on the PSAT-related assessments.

- There are 4 content areas in Reading and Writing, and 4 in Math.
- In each content area, students can view:
  - ♦ The approximate number of questions in the content area and what percentage of the section that represents (e.g., 12–14 questions would be about 26% of the Reading and Writing section).
  - ♦ A visual indication of how the student performed in each content area.
- Students can use this section to identify content areas they may want to focus on to practice and improve.

## Additional Support

The score report PDF also includes information on next steps the student can take after reviewing their scores. A QR code or link will provide them with more information on tools and services related to these next steps, which include reviewing the additional insights on their scores, Official Digital SAT Prep on Khan Academy®, and college and career exploration. The score report includes Career Insights, examples that can inspire career exploration earlier in high school. See the score report case studies on page 8 (PSAT 10) and page 10 (PSAT 8/9) for more information.

## Introducing BigFuture School and Connections

BigFuture School is a free mobile app for students age 13 and older who take the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or SAT School Day in the United States. It's designed for students to use to get their test scores quickly, get guidance on college and career planning, and learn about financial aid and scholarships. Students may also have the opportunity to opt in to Connections™—a program that allows them to hear from nonprofit colleges and scholarship programs that may be a good match. Connections puts privacy first. No personal information is shared with institutions unless a student directly chooses to do so. Please know that your school, district, or state may choose to not provide access to Connections for its students or students that test at their schools.

Students who choose not to download the BigFuture School app or who don't have a mobile phone can still access their scores and guidance for future planning. Educators will continue to receive PDF score reports for all assessments they administer, which can be shared with students. And, as always, students can log in to their personal College Board accounts at [studentscores.collegeboard.org](https://studentscores.collegeboard.org) to get additional insights about their scores and explore BigFuture. If your students provided a mobile phone number when they took the PSAT 10, they can download the BigFuture School mobile app and they'll get a notification in the app telling them when their scores are available to view.



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# Score Scales and Score Changes

## Using Scores on PSAT-Related Assessments to Project Other Scores in the SAT Suite

The SAT Suite—from the PSAT 8/9 through the SAT—uses a common score scale for the total and section scores. The ranges reported for each assessment reflect grade-level appropriateness within the common scale. Thus, while the total range for the SAT is 400–1600, the total range for the PSAT 10 is 320–1520, and the PSAT 8/9 is 240–1440.

This common score scale means that a student who took the PSAT 8/9 and received a Math section score of 500 would be expected to also get a 500 on the SAT, the PSAT/NMSQT, or the PSAT 10 if they had taken any of those tests on that same day; a score of 500 represents the same level of academic achievement on all four assessments.

This also means that student growth across the SAT Suite is easy to determine. If a student takes the PSAT 8/9 this year and receives a 500 Math section score, then takes the PSAT 10 next year and earns a 550 Math section score, that student has shown a growth of 50 points, which likely resulted from hard work both in and out of school.

## Differences Between Scores on Digital and Paper and Pencil Assessments

The two formats of the SAT Suite of Assessments—digital and paper and pencil—measure similar, but not identical, content, so a score on the paper and pencil test is not a perfect predictor of how a student would perform on the digital test (and vice versa).

College Board conducted two concordance studies in the spring and fall of 2022 to establish the direct relationship between paper-based and digital SAT scores. These studies' results support the hypothesis of a direct one-to-one relationship between the two versions of the assessment. In other words, the scores on the two versions of the SAT are comparable, and scores from both tests can be fairly evaluated side by side without a concordance table.

Note that this study process only concorded the two versions of the SAT; concordance between the two versions of the PSAT-related assessments will occur subsequently and may require conversion tables.

The total scores and section scores have been vertically scaled to allow the accurate measurement of growth from test to test. Encourage students to focus on the section scores if they are curious about the growth they can expect to see in their scores over the next year. They should look at the set of projected score ranges we have provided for students that reflect typical growth. Of course, a student's individual growth will be shaped by the courses taken and by the practice the student undertakes between assessments.

Students who wish to improve their performance on the SAT Suite should follow these guidelines:

- Develop academic skills through challenging coursework.
- Read extensively and develop strong writing skills.
- Engage in deliberate practice in the math areas that are emphasized the most in the assessments.
- Take full-length practice tests in the digital testing app, Bluebook™, review results in My Practice, and use Official Digital SAT Prep on Khan Academy for free, tailored practice of the skills they need to improve. To learn more, go to [sat.org/digital-practice](https://sat.org/digital-practice).



# Benchmarks

## Grade-Level Benchmarks for PSAT-Related Assessments

The SAT Suite offers grade-level benchmarks that can be used to gauge whether students are on track for becoming college ready each year in grades 8–12. Grade-level benchmarks represent the section scores on each assessment that students should meet or exceed to be considered on track to be college ready.

The PSAT 8/9 reports separate benchmarks for eighth and ninth graders to help them understand their level of readiness for college and career training programs. Similarly, the PSAT 10 reports separate benchmarks for 10th and 11th graders. The benchmarks help educators better understand how many students and also which students are on track to have the skills necessary for college entry, credit-bearing courses. Equipped with this information, educators can support students who need extra help while there is still time for improvement. Teachers can also accelerate the progress of students who meet or exceed the benchmarks.

### WHAT THE BENCHMARKS MEAN

The College and Career Readiness Benchmarks for the current SAT predict a 75% likelihood of achieving a C or higher in related first semester, credit-bearing college courses. The benchmarks are set at the section level, so there is a benchmark for Reading and Writing and a benchmark for Math.

In the online K–12 score reporting portal, you'll see grade-level benchmarks based on how students grow from year to year toward the SAT benchmarks. Below are the PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 benchmarks for 8th–11th grade:

Grade-Level Benchmarks		
	Reading and Writing	Math
<b>8th Grade PSAT 8/9</b>	390	430
<b>9th Grade PSAT 8/9</b>	410	450
<b>10th Grade PSAT 10</b>	430	480
<b>11th Grade PSAT 10</b>	460	510

### RECOMMENDED USES

Grade-level benchmarks can help educators:

- Identify students who are on track for success in college and career readiness.
- Identify students who may need extra support while there is still time for improvement.
- Find students who may be ready for more challenging coursework.

Grade-level benchmarks shouldn't be used to assign academic tracks, to discourage students from pursuing college, or to keep students from participating in challenging courses. Rather, the benchmarks are intended to help **all** students better prepare for life after high school.

# The PSAT 10 Score Report

## A Case Study: Sample PSAT 10 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 10 score report.

Name: Parker Pupil  
Grade: 10  
Test administration: PSAT 10 Spring 2024  
Tested on: Mar. 4, 2024  
Record Locator: 4561264

### Your Score Report

**PSAT 10 Scores**

**TOTAL SCORE**  
1120 (320-1500) (75th\*)  
Score Range: 1080-1160  
Average Score (all test-takers): 1100

**SECTION SCORES**

**Reading and Writing**  
620 (165-765) (60th\*)  
Your Score Range: 590-650  
Average Score (all test-takers): 600

**Math**  
500 (165-765) (70th\*)  
Your Score Range: 470-530  
Average Score (all test-takers): 500

\* Percentiles represent the percent of 10th grade test takers from the past 3 years who scored the same as or below you.  
Score range: This is the range of scores you could possibly get if you took the PSAT 10 multiple times on different days.

**Knowledge and Skills**  
View your performance across the 8 content domains measured on the PSAT 10.

**Reading and Writing**  
Information and Ideas (26% of test section, 12-14 questions)  
Craft and Structure (28% of test section, 13-15 questions)  
Expression of Ideas (20% of test section, 8-12 questions)  
Standard English Conventions (20% of test section, 11-15 questions)

**Math**  
Algebra (30% of test section, 13-15 questions)  
Advanced Math (32.5% of test section, 12-14 questions)  
Problem Solving & Data Analysis (20% of test section, 7-9 questions)  
Geometry & Trigonometry (12.5% of test section, 4-6 questions)

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INTEREST AREA*	CAREER EXAMPLES	MEDIAN YEARLY INCOME IN MI	NUMBER OF JOBS IN MI**	JOB GROWTH IN MI**	MOST COMMON EDUCATION LEVEL
Doers	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$59,000	25,600	+10%	Certificate
Persuaders	Wind Energy Operations Managers	\$63,000	24,300	+10%	Associate degree
Creators	Graphic Designers	\$46,000	8,900	+9%	Bachelor's degree
Helpers	Critical Care Nurses	\$77,000	107,000	+3%	Bachelor's degree
Thinkers	Mechanical Engineers	\$92,000	33,900	+3%	Bachelor's degree
Organizers	Treasurers and Financial Controllers	\$124,000	21,100	+12%	Bachelor's degree

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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 1120. 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 around the world who took the PSAT 10 in the last three years. Parker scored as well or better in Reading and Writing than 60% of a globally representative group of 11th-grade students. In Math, he scored as well or better than 70% of a globally representative group of juniors. Putting both scores together, Parker scored as well or better than 75% of students in his grade on the PSAT 10 as a whole.

### What can Parker learn from this career snapshot?


Since he's based in the U.S., Parker's score report includes Career Insights Snapshot—helpful information about growing careers in their state and that connect to their scores. Whether Parker sees a career he's curious about or not, the examples can spark his interest in learning more about what careers are out there and key information like median yearly income, 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. While these might be careers worth watching in Parker's state, he can learn more about careers that reflect his interests at [satsuite.org/whatsnext](https://satsuite.org/whatsnext).

## 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](https://psat.org/myscore) to personally find out this information.

## How can Parker measure his progress?

Next fall, Parker can take the PSAT/NMSQT to measure the progress he's made since he took the PSAT 10. He can continue to take advantage of practice resources by visiting [sat.org/digital-practice](https://sat.org/digital-practice).



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Grade: 10  
Test administration: PSAT 10 Spring 2024  
Tested on: Mar. 4, 2024  
Record Locator: 4561264

## Your Score Report

### PSAT<sup>®</sup> 10 Scores

**TOTAL SCORE**

1120

Score Range: 1080-1160  
Average Score (all testees): 1100

**SECTION SCORES**

**Reading and Writing**

620

Score Range: 590-650  
Average Score (all testees): 600

**Math**

500

Score Range: 470-530  
Average Score (all testees): 530

\* Percentiles represent the percent of 10th grade test takers from the past 3 years who scored the same as or below you.  
Score range: This is the range of scores you could possibly get if you took the PSAT 10 multiple times on different days.

**Knowledge and Skills**

View your performance across the 8 content domains measured on the PSAT 10.

**Reading and Writing**

Information and Ideas  
(26% of test section, 12-14 questions)

Craft and Structure  
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Expression of Ideas  
(20% of test section, 8-12 questions)

Standard English Conventions  
(26% of test section, 11-15 questions)

**Math**

Algebra  
(35% of test section, 13-15 questions)

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Problem Solving & Data Analysis  
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# The PSAT 8/9 Score Report

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Name: **Nora Notetaker**  
 Grade: **9**  
 Test administration: **PSAT 8/9 Spring 2024**  
 Tested on: **Mar. 4, 2024**  
 Record Locator: **4561264**

### Your Score Report

#### PSAT 8/9 Scores

**TOTAL SCORE**  
**1120** | 242-1440 | 75th\*

Score Range: 1080-1160  
Average Score (all test-takers): 1100

**SECTION SCORES**

**Reading and Writing**  
**620** | 120-720 | 60th\*

Your Score Range: 600-640  
Average Score (all test-takers): 600

**Math**  
**500** | 120-720 | 70th\*

Your Score Range: 470-530  
Average Score (all test-takers): 500

\* Percentiles represent the percent of 9th-grade test-takers from the past 3 years who scored the same as or below you.  
Score range: This is the range of scores you could possibly get if you took the PSAT 8/9 multiple times on different days.

**Knowledge and Skills**

View your performance across the 8 content domains measured on the PSAT 8/9.


<p><b>Reading and Writing</b></p> <p><small>Information and Ideas (20% of test section, 12-14 questions)</small></p> <p><small>Craft and Structure (28% of test section, 13-15 questions)</small></p> <p><small>Expression of Ideas (20% of test section, 8-12 questions)</small></p> <p><small>Standard English Conventions (20% of test section, 13-15 questions)</small></p>	<p><b>Math</b></p> <p><small>Algebra (42.5% of test section, 16-18 questions)</small></p> <p><small>Advanced Math (20% of test section, 7-9 questions)</small></p> <p><small>Problem Solving &amp; Data Analysis (25% of test section, 9-11 questions)</small></p> <p><small>Geometry &amp; Trigonometry (12.5% of test section, 4-6 questions)</small></p>
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Score Report

### What are Nora's scores?

Nora's Reading and Writing score is 620, and her Math score is 500, for a total score of 1120. By reviewing her performance on the content domains in each subject, Nora can see where her knowledge and skills are already strong and identify areas where she can improve.

### What are Nora's score percentiles?

Since Nora is in the ninth grade, the percentiles compare her scores with those of all ninth graders around the world who took the PSAT 8/9 in the last three years. Nora scored as well or better in Reading and Writing than 60% of a nationally globally group of ninth-grade students. In Math, she scored as well or better than 70% of a globally representative group of first-year students. Putting both scores together, Nora scored as well or better than 75% of students in her grade on the PSAT 8/9 as a whole.

## What can Nora learn from this career snapshot?


Since she is based in the U.S., Nora's score report includes Career Insights Snapshot — helpful information about growing careers in her state and that connect to her scores. Whether Nora sees a career she's curious about or not, the examples can spark her interest in learning more about what careers are out there and key information like median yearly income, expected growth rate for new job openings in her state over the next five years, and the most common education level for people in that career. While these might be careers worth watching in Nora's state, she can learn more about careers that reflect her interests at [satsuite.org/whatsnext](https://satsuite.org/whatsnext).

## How can Nora learn more about her scores?

If she's under age 13, Nora can talk to her school counselor to see her full score report and learn how to prepare for the SAT. If Nora is age 13 or older, she can also choose to visit [psat.org/myscore](https://psat.org/myscore) to personally find out this information.

## How can Nora measure her progress?

When she becomes a sophomore, Nora 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 continue to take advantage of practice resources by visiting [sat.org/digital-practice](https://sat.org/digital-practice).



Name: **Nora Notetaker**  
 Grade: **9**  
 Test administration: **PSAT 8/9 Spring 2024**  
 Tested on: **Mar. 4, 2024**  
 Record Locator: **4561264**

## Your Score Report

### PSAT 8/9 Scores

**TOTAL SCORE**

1120

Score Range: 1080-1160  
Average Score (all test-takers): 1100

240-1440 | 75th\*

**Knowledge and Skills**

View your performance across the 8 content domains measured on the PSAT 8/9.

**SECTION SCORES**

**Reading and Writing**

620

Score Range: 600-640  
Average Score (all test-takers): 600

120-720 | 60th\*

**Math**

500

Score Range: 470-530  
Average Score (all test-takers): 530

120-720 | 70th\*

\*Percentiles represent the percent of 9th grade test takers from the past 3 years who scored the same or better than you.  
Score range: This is the range of scores you could possibly get if you took the PSAT 8/9 multiple times on different days.

**Reading and Writing**

Information and Ideas (26% of test section, 12-14 questions)

Craft and Structure (28% of test section, 13-15 questions)

Expression of Ideas (20% of test section, 8-12 questions)

Standard English Conventions (26% of test section, 11-15 questions)

**Math**

Algebra (42.5% of test section, 16-18 questions)

Advanced Math (20% of test section, 7-9 questions)

Problem Solving & Data Analysis (25% of test section, 9-11 questions)


Geometry & Trigonometry (12.5% of test section, 4-6 questions)

### Career Insights Snapshot


Your skills are in demand! Consider exploring these growing careers in your state that need skills like yours. **These are examples, not recommendations**, to help jump-start your career exploration.

INTEREST AREA*	CAREER EXAMPLES	MEDIAN YEARLY INCOME IN MI	NUMBER OF JOBS IN MI**	JOB GROWTH	MOST COMMON EDUCATION LEVEL
Doers	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$59,000	25,600	+10%	Certificate
Persuaders	Wind Energy Operations Managers	\$63,000	24,300	+10%	Associate degree
Creators	Graphic Designers	\$46,000	8,900	+9%	Bachelor's degree
Helpers	Critical Care Nurses	\$77,000	107,000	+3%	Bachelor's degree
Thinkers	Mechanical Engineers	\$92,000	33,900	+3%	Bachelor's degree
Organizers	Treasurers and Financial Controllers	\$124,000	21,100	+12%	Bachelor's degree

\*For more information about career insights, including interest areas, visit [satsuite.org/whatsnext](https://satsuite.org/whatsnext).  
 \*\*Number of reflects the expected number of new job openings in 2028. Percentage reflects the expected growth in new job openings between 2023 and 2028. Data source: Lightcast.io



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Score Report

# PSAT 10 Sample Score Report



Name: **Parker Pupil**  
 Grade: **10**  
 Test administration: **PSAT 10 Spring 2024**  
 Tested on: **Mar. 4, 2024**  
 Record Locator: **4561264**

## Your Score Report

### PSAT 10 Scores

#### TOTAL SCORE

**1120** | 320-1520 **75th\***

Score Range: 1080-1160  
 Average Score (all testers): 1100

#### SECTION SCORES

##### Reading and Writing

**620** | 160-760 **60th\***

Your Score Range: 590-650  
 Average Score (all testers): 600

##### Math

**500** | 160-760 **70th\***

Your Score Range: 470-530  
 Average Score (all testers): 530

\* Percentiles represent the percent of 10th grade test takers from the past 3 years who scored the same as or below you.

Score range: This is the range of scores you could possibly get if you took the PSAT 10 multiple times on different days.

### Knowledge and Skills

View your performance across the 8 content domains measured on the PSAT 10.

#### Reading and Writing

Information and Ideas  
 (26% of test section, 12-14 questions)



Craft and Structure  
 (28% of test section, 13-15 questions)



Expression of Ideas  
 (20% of test section, 8-12 questions)



Standard English Conventions  
 (26% of test section, 11-15 questions)



#### Math

Algebra  
 (35% of test section, 13-15 questions)



Advanced Math  
 (32.5% of test section, 12-14 questions)



Problem Solving & Data Analysis  
 (20% of test section, 7-9 questions)



Geometry & Trigonometry  
 (12.5% of test section, 4-6 questions)



### Career Insights Snapshot

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INTEREST AREA*	CAREER EXAMPLES	MEDIAN YEARLY INCOME IN MI	NUMBER OF JOBS IN MI**	JOB GROWTH IN MI**	MOST COMMON EDUCATION LEVEL
Doers	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$59,000	25,600	+10%	Certificate
Persuaders	Wind Energy Operations Managers	\$63,000	24,300	+10%	Associate degree
Creators	Graphic Designers	\$46,000	8,900	+9%	Bachelor's degree
Helpers	Critical Care Nurses	\$77,000	107,000	+3%	Bachelor's degree
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Data source: *Lightcast.io*



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# PSAT 8/9 Sample Score Report



Name: **Nora Notetaker**  
 Grade: **9**  
 Test administration: **PSAT 8/9 Spring 2024**  
 Tested on: **Mar. 4, 2024**  
 Record Locator: **4561264**

## Your Score Report

### PSAT 8/9 Scores

#### TOTAL SCORE

**1120** | 240-1440 | 75th\*

Score Range: 1080-1160  
 Average Score (all testers): 1100

#### SECTION SCORES

##### Reading and Writing

**620** | 120-720 | 60th\*

Your Score Range: 600-640  
 Average Score (all testers): 600

##### Math

**500** | 120-720 | 70th\*

Your Score Range: 470-530  
 Average Score (all testers): 530

\* Percentiles represent the percent of 9th grade test takers from the past 3 years who scored the same as or below you.

Score range: This is the range of scores you could possibly get if you took the PSAT 8/9 multiple times on different days.

### Knowledge and Skills

View your performance across the 8 content domains measured on the PSAT 8/9.

#### Reading and Writing

Information and Ideas  
 (26% of test section, 12-14 questions)



Craft and Structure  
 (28% of test section, 13-15 questions)



Expression of Ideas  
 (20% of test section, 8-12 questions)



Standard English Conventions  
 (26% of test section, 11-15 questions)



#### Math

Algebra  
 (42.5% of test section, 16-18 questions)



Advanced Math  
 (20% of test section, 7-9 questions)



Problem Solving & Data Analysis  
 (25% of test section, 9-11 questions)



Geometry & Trigonometry  
 (12.5% of test section, 4-6 questions)



### Career Insights Snapshot

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## IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING SCREENSHOTS

Although the screenshots used on pages 14–16 are all from the PSAT 10 online student score reporting portal, the information on these pages applies to both PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10.

# Additional Insights

From your K–12 educator score reporting portal, you can access the online student score information. Students age 13 or older who already have a personal College Board student account can get additional insights into their performance on the PSAT-related assessments in the online student score reporting portal at [studentscores.collegeboard.org](https://studentscores.collegeboard.org).

## Putting Scores in Context

### SCORE COMPARISONS

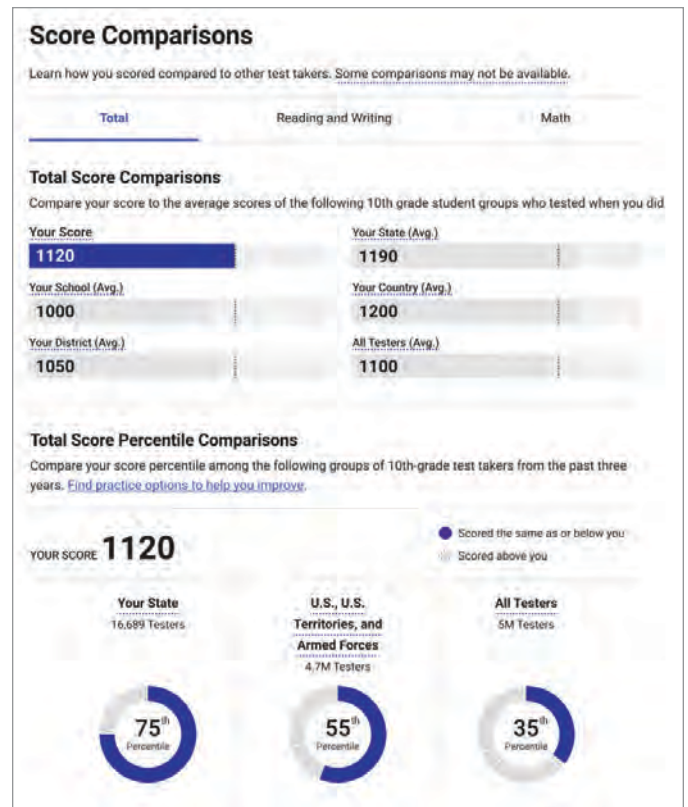
Students can gain additional insights into their scores by meeting with their school counselor to review their score report. Educators can also see more contextual comparisons of their students' scores online. Educators can compare their students' total and section scores to the average scores of all testers in their:

- School (as applicable)
- District (public schools, as applicable)
- State (U.S.-based & territories)
- Nation and internationally (All testers)

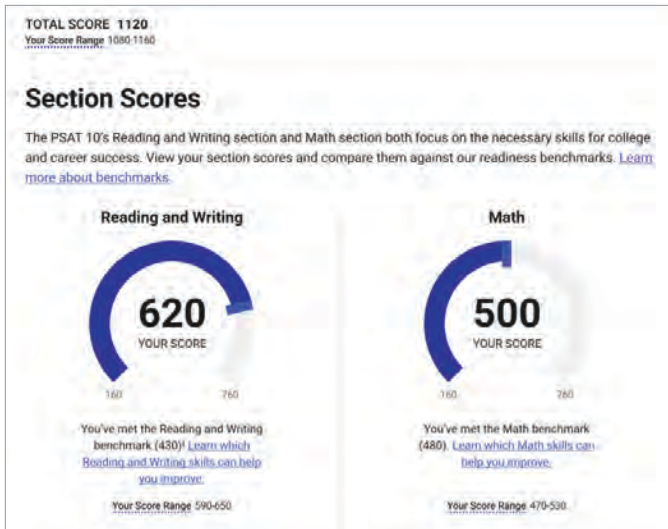
### PERCENTILES

The additional insights provided online include percentiles not provided in the downloadable score report PDF.

- The percentile ranks include:
  - ♦ Country (all testers in the student's country)
  - ♦ State (all testers in the student's state, available for U.S. and U.S. territories only)
  - ♦ All testers (domestic and international)
- For the percentiles above, the student's score is ranked among testers from the last 3 years, i.e., students who took the same assessment (either PSAT 8/9 or PSAT 10) in the last 3 years.



Online score insights



Online score insights

## Section Benchmarks

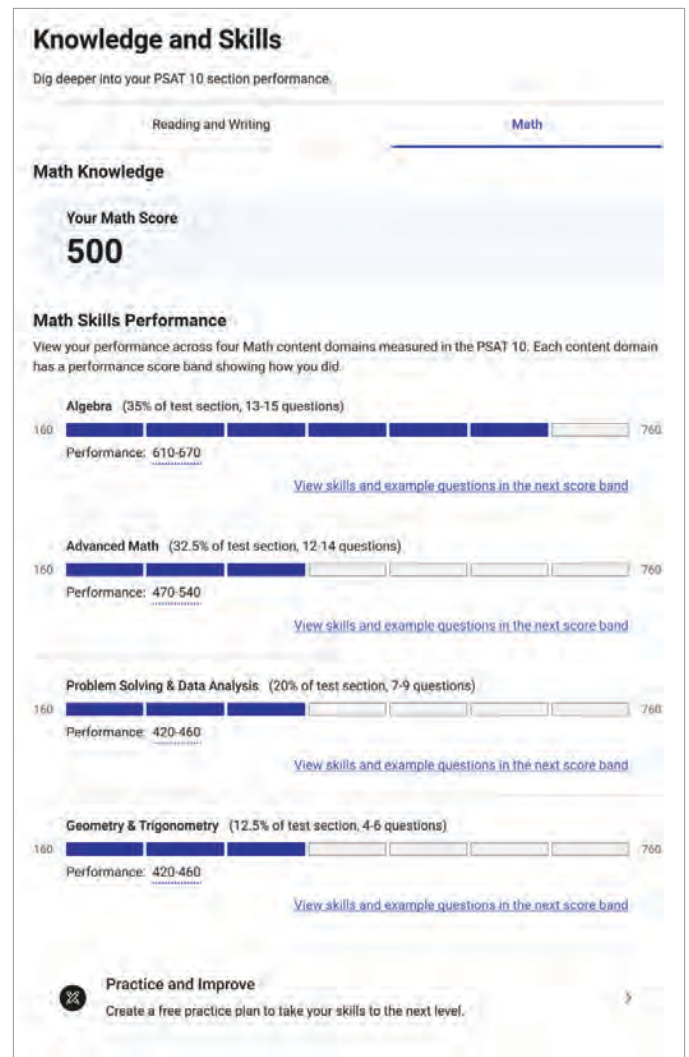
Another set of insights educators can view in the online K–12 score reporting portal are the section level readiness benchmarks. We will indicate if their students have met the section benchmarks or not, providing links to resources to help them analyze what skills to focus on for improvement.

Additionally, we show educators their students' score ranges and provide links to information about how a score range more accurately reflects each student's level of knowledge and skills than a single score.

## More About Knowledge and Skills

Based on our **Skills Insight™** tool, we provide educators with a deeper dive into the knowledge and skills measured by the PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9. Educators may view a breakdown of their students' knowledge and skills across 4 content areas in Reading and Writing and 4 content areas in Math.

- The online insights go further by helping educators view their students' performance across 7 defined performance score bands to get a sense of how they did in each area.
- Educators can:
  - ♦ Click **View Skills and Example Questions in Next Score Band** to access the Skills Insight tool and see skills and example questions that students in the next performance score band are typically able to demonstrate, as well as examples of the kinds of questions that these students are likely able to answer correctly.
  - ♦ Navigate to any other performance score band in the Skills Insight tool, including the current one for a given student.



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#### CAREER EXAMPLES

Industrial Machinery Mechanics	
Median Yearly Income in MI	\$59,000
Interest Area*	Doers
Number of Jobs/Job Growth in MI**	25,600 /+10%
Most Common Education Level	Certificate
<a href="#">See Career Details</a>	

Wind Energy Operations Managers	
Median Yearly Income in MI	\$63,000
Interest Area*	Persuaders
Number of Jobs/Job Growth in MI**	24,300 /+10%
Most Common Education Level	Associate degree
<a href="#">See Career Details</a>	

Data source: Lightcast.io

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[Explore Careers](#)

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## Further Guidance

Educators can view next steps with linked resources to do more with their students' scores, including:

- Finding practice resources to improve their score.
- Learning more about the SAT Suite of Assessments.
- Planning for their future using their PSAT 10 or PSAT 8/9 score on BigFuture.

## Career Exploration

To expand on the information in their downloadable score report PDF, educators can encourage students to:

- View even more potential careers online at [bigfuture.org](https://bigfuture.org).
- Tailor their career insights to their own interests.
- Find free resources to help them take the next steps down their career path.

See page 5 of this document for more information on how the BigFuture School mobile app and Connections program support career exploration for students taking the PSAT 10.

### Your Future, Your Way



Need help with planning your life after high school? Our free, personalized tools can help.

- Explore up to 1,000 careers, and more
- Discover 4,000+ colleges in the U.S. and worldwide
- Search over \$4 billion in scholarship opportunities

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