

Your student took a big step towards preparing for their college and career last October by taking the PSAT/NMSQT. West Noble High School will give students a paper copy of their scores, as well as a copy of the test book so students are able to see which questions they missed. Students will also be able to access their PSAT scores through their College Board account, found at www.collegeboard.org. Please see below for more information about the test, how to interpret scores and what your student can do next. The information below is adapted from the Collegeboard's PSAT/NMSQT: Understanding Scores 2017 available at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-nmsqt-understanding-scores.pdf>

What is 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 kinds of meaningful, engaging, and challenging work that students find in the best middle and high school courses taught today.

What does the PSAT/NMSQT measure?

The PSAT/NMSQT measures the skills and knowledge that research shows are the most essential for college and career readiness and success. The Reading Test measures comprehension and reasoning skills and focuses on close reading of passages in a wide array of subject areas. The Writing and Language Test measures a range of skills including command of evidence, expression of ideas, and the use of standard English conventions in grammar and punctuation. The Math Test covers a range of math practices, with an emphasis on problem solving, modeling, using tools strategically, and using algebraic structure.

How is the PSAT/NMSQT scored?

Students receive a total score that is the sum of their scores on the two sections (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and Math). To calculate section scores, we first compute the student's raw score—the number of questions correctly answered—for each section. Nothing is deducted for incorrect answers or for unanswered questions. Next, we convert each of the raw section scores to a scaled score of 160 to 760. This conversion process adjusts for slight differences in difficulty among versions of the test and provides a score that is consistent across different versions. The scaled scores are the scores provided on score reports.

How can I use the student score report?

The student score report clearly summarizes a student's current achievement levels and encourages next steps to increase college and career readiness. You can aid students by going over their score reports and helping them understand what their scores mean.

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