

# A Parent Tutorial for Understanding 2012 PSAT/NMSQT® Results

## PSAT/NMSQT Score Report Plus

Take a look at your student's PSAT/NMSQT® Score Report. Notice that each section of the test — critical reading, mathematics and writing skills — has its own column. Within each section is a great deal of information that provides a thorough review of performance.

### 1 Your Scores:

- Each PSAT/NMSQT score — critical reading, mathematics and writing skills — is based on a scale of 20 to 80.
- The **score ranges** show how much scores might vary if students were to take the PSAT/NMSQT repeatedly without learning additional skills. In other words, the scores within this range are considered “equal” statistically.
- Percentiles** compare your student's performance with that of other students. Eleventh-graders are compared to all 11th-graders who took the test last year; 10th-graders and younger students are compared to all 10th-graders who took the test last year.

**2 Your Skills:** Students can see how they performed on each of the skills measured by the PSAT/NMSQT. After reviewing this section, students can then go online and log in to My College QuickStart™ to access suggestions for improving each of these skills and also sample questions to use for additional practice. Share this information with teachers, as these skills affect classroom performance and are important for success in college.

**3 Your Answers:** This section shows the correct answer, the student's response and the difficulty level of the question. Students should have received their test book along with their score report. Encourage your child to go over questions she or he got wrong. Did she or he really not know the answer? Make a careless error? Guess instead of leaving the question blank? My College QuickStart provides complete answer explanations to help students learn from their mistakes.

**4 National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) Programs:** NMSC cosponsors the PSAT/NMSQT, which stands for Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. High school students enter NMSC programs, usually as 11th-graders, by taking the PSAT/NMSQT and meeting other published entry requirements. NMSC uses the Selection Index score — the sum of the critical reading, mathematics and writing skills scores — as an initial screen of students who enter its programs and to designate groups of students to be honored. If the Selection Index has an asterisk, refer to the NMSC section on the back of the score report. NMSC will notify principals of students whose Selection Index scores qualify them for recognition. For more information about NMSC scholarship programs, visit [www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org).



**5 Next Steps:** Before the test, each student provided the college major she or he is considering pursuing. In My College QuickStart, the College Board provides important information about the indicated major, including recommended high school courses that will help prepare students for college-level work.

**6 Information About Your Student's My College QuickStart.** See the reverse side to learn about this free online resource.

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## My College QuickStart™

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- **My SAT Study Plan™** — a customized SAT® study plan based on students' PSAT/NMSQT test performance, highlighting skills for review and practice
- **My Personality** — a detailed personality test that helps students learn about themselves and discover majors and careers that fit their strengths and interests
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- Ways to encourage your student to start thinking about life after high school
- Strategies for financing your student's education
- Help with curriculum planning to realize your student's specific career goals
- Information and resources you need to help your student prepare to perform his or her best on the SAT
- Practical advice and online tools to find the right college for your student's needs and goals

## What happens now?

With the help of teachers and counselors, students should use the information provided on the PSAT/NMSQT Score Report *Plus* and in My College QuickStart to improve their academic skills and plan for their postsecondary goals. Here are some other suggestions for students:

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- Get involved in extracurricular and community activities. College admission officials look for academic competence and preparation (types/levels of academic courses taken and grades received), and they also look for how a student will contribute to the college community. What do students do outside of the school day? Are they involved in music, art, athletics, student government, volunteer work, employment, etc.? The quality of students' involvement is important. What is the depth of their commitment? Are they assuming leadership roles? Are they making a contribution to the school or community?

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# Understanding Your PSAT/NMSQT Results

## 4 Major Parts of Your PSAT/NMSQT Results

Your Scores

Your Skills

Your Answers

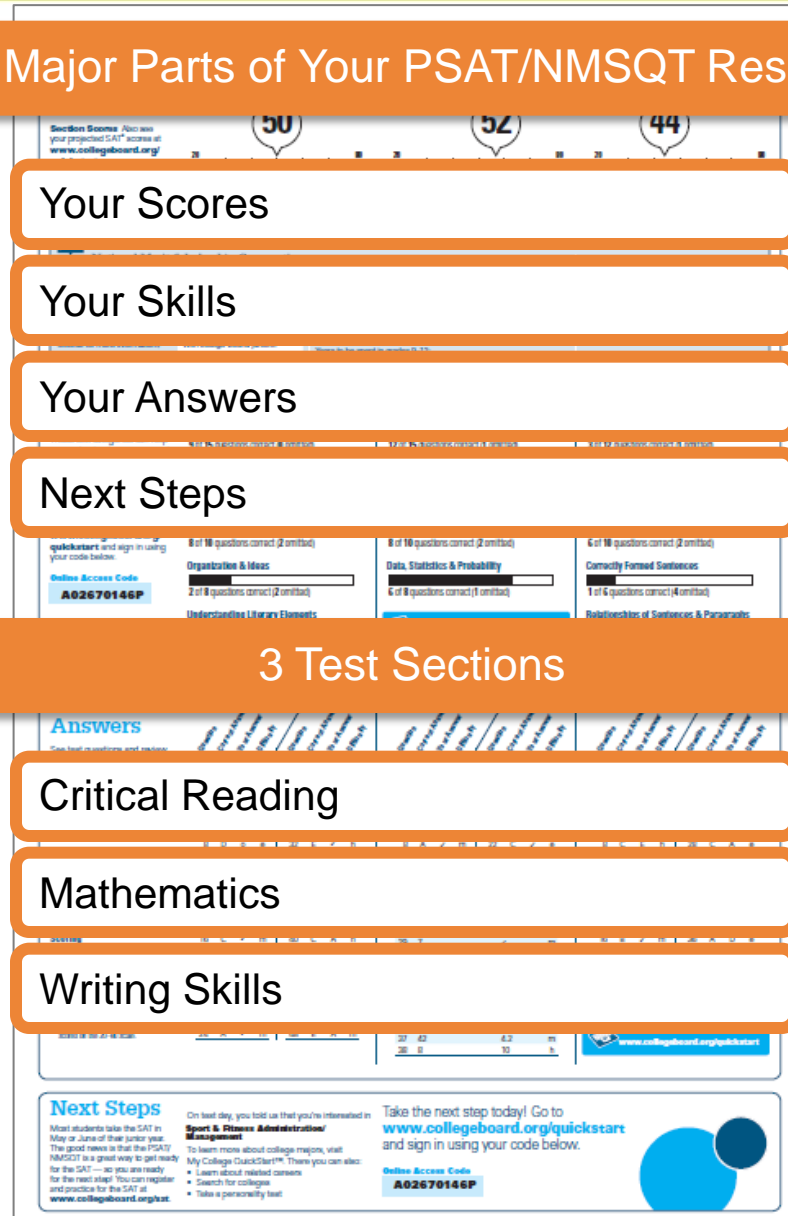
Next Steps

## 3 Test Sections

Critical Reading

Mathematics

Writing Skills



# Your Scores

## Score

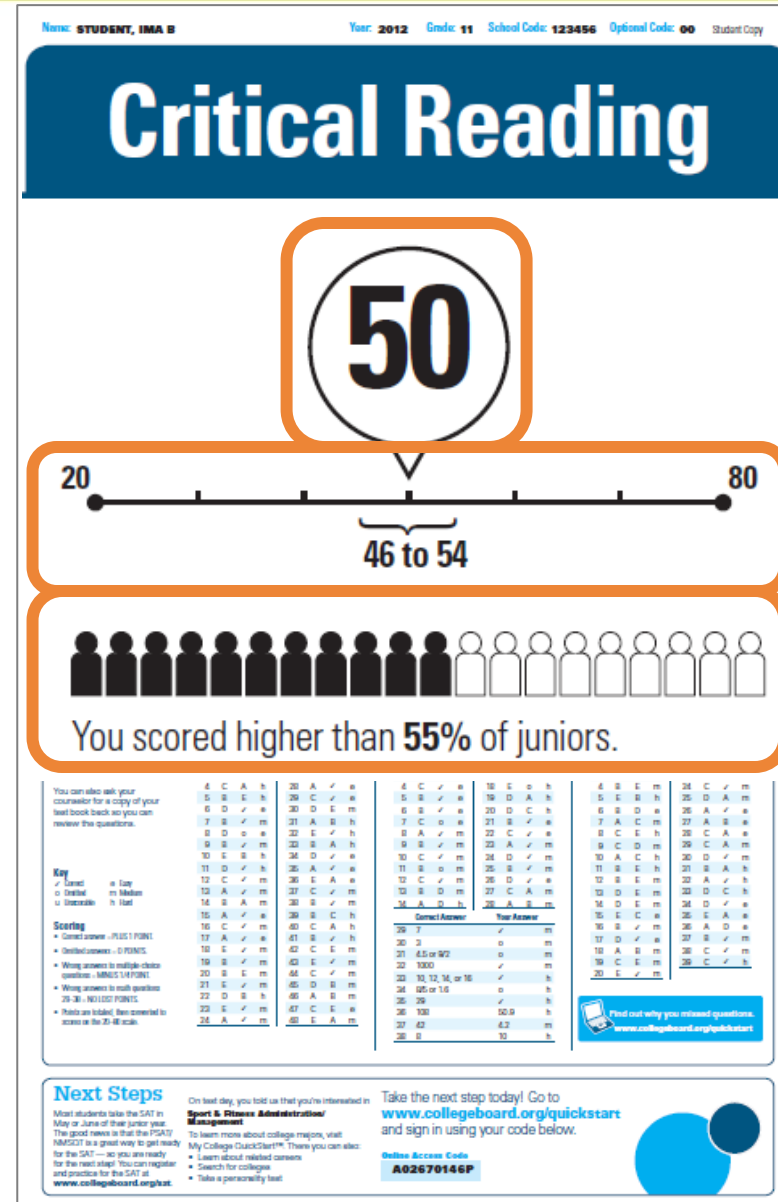
You can see your projected SAT score online in My College QuickStart ([www.collegeboard.org/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.org/quickstart)).

## Score Range

## Percentile

If you are a junior, your scores are compared to those of other juniors.

If you are a sophomore or younger student, your scores are compared to those of sophomores.



# National Merit Scholarship Corporation Information

## National Merit Scholarship Corporation

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) uses a Selection Index based on PSAT/NMSQT® scores as an initial screen of over 1.5 million students who enter its scholarship programs. (See reverse for more information.)

### Your Selection Index

Sum of scores in critical reading, mathematics and writing skills.

**146**

### Percentile

Compares your performance with college-bound juniors.

**47**

### Entry Requirements

(Information you provided on your answer sheet.)

High school student:

**YES**

U.S. citizenship:

**YES**

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

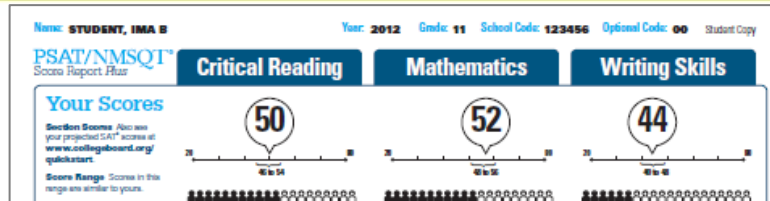
**2014**

Years to be spent in grades 9–12:

**4**

### Eligibility Information

If your Selection Index places you among the 55,000 high scorers who qualify for program recognition, you will be notified next September.



The Selection Index is the sum of your critical reading, mathematics and writing skills scores.

If it has an asterisk, you do not meet all of the eligibility requirements for the competition.

The Percentile compares your performance to that of other college-bound juniors.

The Entry Requirements section displays information you provided on your answer sheet.

Organize & Ideas

6 of 8 questions correct (3 correct)

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Correctly Formed Sentences

1 of 4 questions correct (4 correct)

Relationships of Sentences & Paragraphs

2 of 4 questions correct (3 correct)

Find out why you missed questions. [www.collegeboard.org/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.org/quickstart)

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# Your Skills

## Your Skills

These skill categories can help you understand your score and focus your study efforts before you take the SAT.

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### Determining the Meaning of Words

9 of 15 questions correct (0 omitted)

### Author's Craft: Style, Tone & Technique

3 of 5 questions correct (0 omitted)

### Reasoning & Inference

8 of 10 questions correct (2 omitted)

### Organization & Ideas

2 of 8 questions correct (2 omitted)

### Understanding Literary Elements

4 of 10 questions correct (0 omitted)

### Number & Operations

12 of 15 questions correct (1 omitted)

### Algebra & Functions

5 of 5 questions correct (0 omitted)

### Geometry & Measurement

8 of 10 questions correct (2 omitted)

### Data, Statistics & Probability

6 of 8 questions correct (1 omitted)



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### Grammatical Relationships between Words

3 of 12 questions correct (1 omitted)

### Words & Phrases Used to Modify or Compare

1 of 5 questions correct (2 omitted)

### Phrases & Clauses

6 of 10 questions correct (2 omitted)

### Correctly Formed Sentences

1 of 6 questions correct (4 omitted)

### Relationships of Sentences & Paragraphs

2 of 6 questions correct (3 omitted)

See how you did on each skill. The same skills are tested on the SAT.

You can try hundreds of practice questions, organized by skill, online in My College QuickStart ([www.collegeboard.org/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.org/quickstart)).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
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# Your Answers

You will get your test book back with your PSAT/NMSQT results, so that you can review the questions.

You can also review each test question in My College QuickStart.

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PSAT/NMSQT® Score Report Plan

### Critical Reading

Question	Correct Answer	Your Answer	Difficulty
1	A	✓	e
2	B	✓	e
3	A	C	m
4	C	A	h
5	B	E	h
6	D	✓	e
7	B	✓	m
8	D	o	e
9	B	✓	m
10	E	B	h
11	D	✓	h
12	C	✓	m
13	A	✓	m
14	B	A	m
15	A	✓	e
16	C	✓	m
17	A	✓	e
18	E	✓	m
19	B	✓	m
20	B	E	m
21	E	✓	m
22	D	B	h
23	E	✓	m
24	A	✓	m

### Mathematics

52

You scored higher than 52% of juniors.

### Writing Skills

44

You scored higher than 44% of juniors.

U.S. citizenship: YES

Eligibility Information: If your Selection Index places you among the 50,000 high scorers who qualify for program recognition, you will be notified next September.

Number & Operations: 12 of 15 questions correct (80%)

Algebra & Functions: 5 of 5 questions correct (100%)

Geometry & Measurement: 6 of 10 questions correct (60%)

Data, Statistics & Probability: 4 of 8 questions correct (50%)

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Grammatical Relationships between Words: 3 of 12 questions correct (25%)

Words & Phrases Used to Modify or Compare: 1 of 5 questions correct (20%)

Phrases & Clauses: 6 of 10 questions correct (60%)

Correctly Formed Sentences: 1 of 4 questions correct (25%)

Relationships of Sentences & Paragraphs: 2 of 6 questions correct (33%)

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# Your Answers: Student-Produced Responses

Some of the math problems required you to grid in answers instead of selecting an option. For these questions, you will see the correct answer(s) written out.

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PSAT/NMSQT® Score Report Plus

### Critical Reading

### Mathematics

### Writing Skills

#### Your Scores

**Section Scores:** Also see your projected SAT® scores at [www.collegeboard.org/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.org/quickstart).

**Score Range:** Scores in this range are similar to yours.

**Percentile:** The percentage of test takers who scored below your score.

**50** You scored higher than 50% of juniors.

**52** You scored higher than 52% of juniors.

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High-school student: YES  
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Years to be spent in grades 9-12: 4

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**Words & Phrases Used to Modify or Compare**  
1 of 5 questions correct (20%)

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#### Your Answer

See test questions and explanations of the test at [www.collegeboard.org/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.org/quickstart).

You can also ask your counselor for a copy of test questions and review the questions.

**Key**  
✓ Correct  
✗ Incorrect  
○ Unmarked  
a Easy  
m Medium  
h Hard

**Scoring**  
• Correct answers: 100%  
• Incorrect answers: 0%  
• Wrong answers to multiple-choice questions: -1/4  
• Wrong answers to math questions: -1/4 (or -1/2 for math questions)  
• Points are added for correct answers on the 20-48 test.

	Correct Answer	Your Answer
29	7	✓ m
30	3	✓ m
31	4.5 or 9/2	✓ m
32	1000	✓ m
33	10, 12, 14, or 16	✓ h
34	8/5 or 1.6	✓ h
35	29	✓ h
36	108	50.9 h
37	42	4.2 m
38	8	10 h

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Critical Reading 50 Mathematics 52 Writing Skills 44

Your Scores

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Quality Information

Use Selection Index place you among the 2010 high scorers who qualify for program recognition, you will be notified next September.

Mathematical Relationships between Words

of 12 questions correct (8 correct)

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of 5 questions correct (2 correct)

Idioms & Clauses

of 10 questions correct (2 correct)

Complexly Formed Sentences

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Relationships of Sentences & Paragraphs

of 6 questions correct (3 correct)

Answers

1 A ✓ e 2 B ✓ e 3 A C m 4 C A h 5 B E h 6 D ✓ e 7 B ✓ e 8 D o e 9 B ✓ m 10 E B h 11 D ✓ h 12 C ✓ m 13 A ✓ m 14 B A m 15 A ✓ e 16 C ✓ m

25 D ✓ m 26 D ✓ e 27 D ✓ e 28 A ✓ e 29 C ✓ m 30 D E m 31 A B h 32 E ✓ h 33 B A h 34 D ✓ e 35 A ✓ e 36 E A e 37 C ✓ m 38 S ✓ m 39 B C h 40 C A h

1 D ✓ e 2 E ✓ m 3 A C h 4 C ✓ e 5 B ✓ e 6 B ✓ e 7 C o m 8 A ✓ m 9 B ✓ m 10 C ✓ m 11 B o m 12 C ✓ m 13 A ✓ m 14 A D h 15 B ✓ m 16 E D m 17 E ✓ m 18 C ✓ h 19 D A h 20 D C h 21 B ✓ e 22 C ✓ e 23 A ✓ m 24 C ✓ m 25 D A m 26 A ✓ e 27 A B e 28 C A e 29 C A m 30 D ✓ m 31 B A h 32 A ✓ h 33 D C h 34 D ✓ e 35 E C e 36 A D e 37 B ✓ m 38 A D e 39 A D e 40 A D e

Correct Answer Your Answer

25 7 / m

26 7 / m

27 7 / m

28 7 / m

29 7 / m

30 7 / m

31 7 / m

32 7 / m

33 7 / m

34 7 / m

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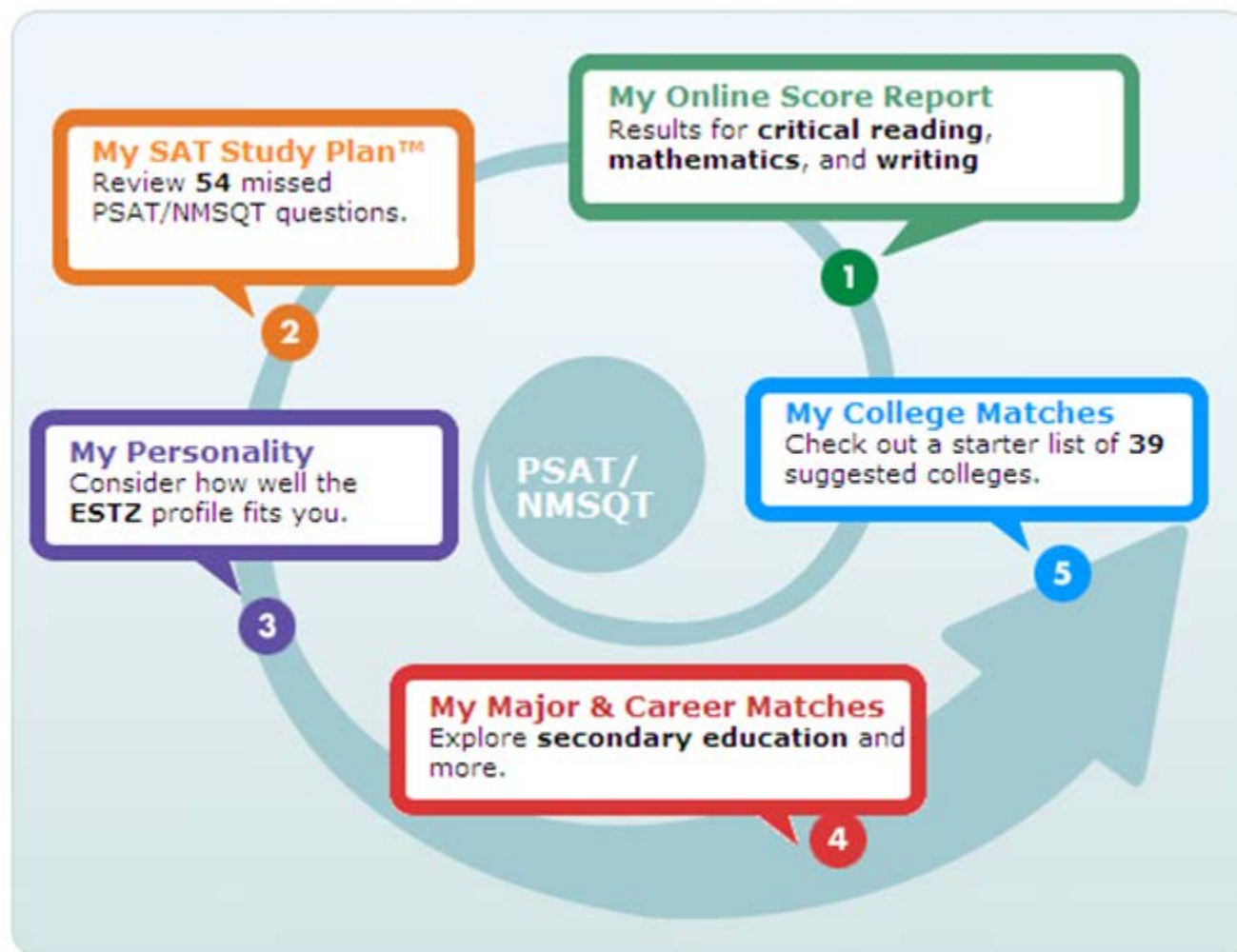
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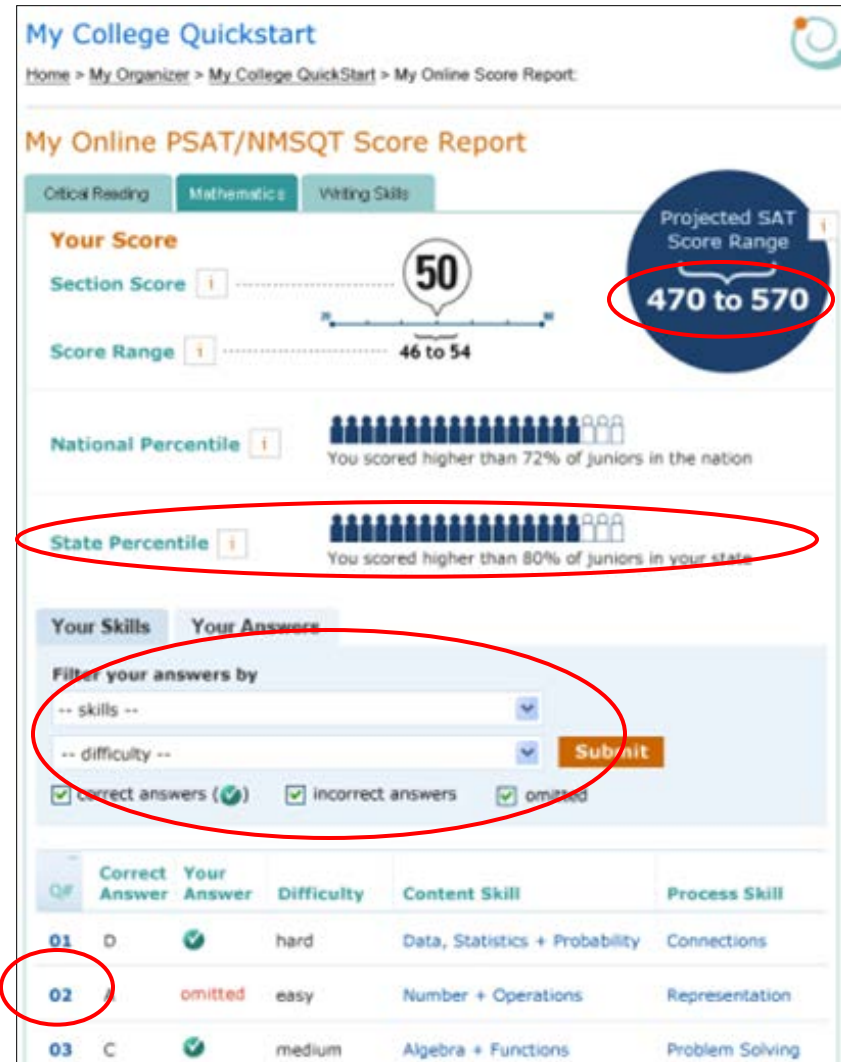




# My College QuickStart

## My Online Score Report

- Projected SAT® score ranges
- State percentiles
- You can filter questions
- Questions and answer explanations



# My College QuickStart

## My SAT Study Plan™

- Personalized skills to improve
- SAT practice questions
- An official SAT practice test

### My SAT Study Plan™

Study Plan Home Meet the SAT Critical Reading Mathematics Writing **Practice Test**

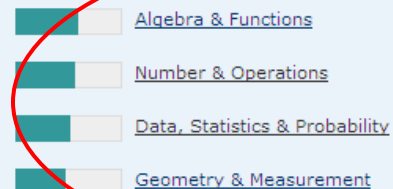
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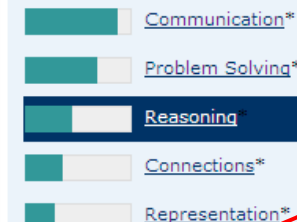
This feedback was created especially for you, based on your PSAT/NMSQT results.

1. Select a skill with a lower performance bar and review the test questions you answered incorrectly. Then try the question again and read the answer explanations.
2. If you find the practice questions too easy, you're probably ready for the next harder level. If you find them too hard, try the next easier level.

#### Content Skills



#### Process Skills



\* These math-only process skill groups were not included on your Score Report Plus.

#### Skill Group: Reasoning

3 of 7 correct (1 omitted)

##### Definition

Develop and use mathematical arguments and proofs to explore the truth of conjectures and justify conclusions.

Answers	#	Questions
Omitted	1	37 (view all)
Incorrect	3	16, 26, 35 (view all)
Correct	3	10, 22, 32 (view all)

#### Practice Now

Skills **too easy**? [Try some harder practice questions](#)

Skills **too hard**? [Try some easier practice questions](#)

# My College QuickStart

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EXPLORE MAJORS
FIND A COLLEGE
RESEARCH CAREERS

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Introduction
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ISFA
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THE TRADITIONALISTS

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THE CATALYSTS

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The Traditionalists

introverting
sensing
feeling
organizing

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ISFZs are responsible, caring, reserved, and cooperative. As an ISFZ you have a modest style of helping others in orderly and practical ways. You believe it is important to follow rules and laws; similarly, you adhere to routine and prefer to see traditions preserved with little change. You are prone to worry about things beyond your control and may appear to be less confident because of your tendency to become stressed or agitated and not ask for help.

About 6% of MyRoad participants

You like to be with a few close friends and family members and to offer personal support wherever and whenever needed. You are good at coordinating tasks and activities for everyone but may become overburdened by taking on other people's problems. Likewise, you don't ask for the recognition you would like to have. You are quietly loyal to family, friends, and groups and institutions that are important to you, and you hope others will be as loyal in return. You avoid interpersonal conflict at all costs.

As an ISFZ you are an organized and focused learner who is good at memorizing facts and details related to people. You reliably meet deadlines and obligations. You excel at coordinating and scheduling your own activities and keep yourself and your belongings neat and in good order. You prefer to work on projects and tasks that are useful in a practical way.

▶ **Your Strengths Include...**

- A practical and dependable nature.

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## My College Matches

- Starter list of colleges
- Criteria to customize search
- Ability to save searches

**City University of New York: Hunter College**  
New York, New York  
College Board code: 2301

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**Main Address**  
 695 Park Avenue  
 New York, NY 10065  
 (212) 772-4000  
[www.hunter.cuny.edu](http://www.hunter.cuny.edu)

**Admission Office**  
 695 Park Avenue  
 New York, NY 10065  
 (212) 772-4490  
[admissions@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:admissions@hunter.cuny.edu)  
 Contact: William Zlata  
 Director of Admissions

**Type of School**  
 Public  
 Liberal Arts College  
 Four-year  
 Coed  
 Percent applicants admitted: 28%  
 Regionally Accredited  
 Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools  
 College Board member

**Calendar:** Semester  
**Degrees offered:**

- Bachelor's
- Master's

**Setting**  
 Urban setting  
 Very large city (over 500,000)  
 Commuter campus

**Size**  
 Total undergrads: 15,698  
 First-time degree-seeking freshmen: 2,042  
 Degree-seeking undergrads: 14,709  
 Graduate enrollment: 5,560



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INSIGHTS

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EXPLORE MAJORS

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Overview | High School Courses | College Courses | Career Connection | Perspectives

Majors A-Z

My Interest ?

High

Medium

None

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Topics


Construction Engineering & Management

Environmental Engineering

Geological Engineering

Geotechnical Engineering

Mining Engineering



Overview


The ancient Egyptians built pyramids and levees. The Romans built aqueducts and the Colosseum. The Persians and ancient Greeks undertook massive building projects. Civil engineering has been practiced for thousands of years.


Civil engineers plan, design, build, and repair just about anything you can think of. That includes buildings, bridges, dams, tunnels, highways, stadiums, sewage treatment plants, power plants, airports, and even satellites. These days they're also in demand to repair the damage caused by natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, and floods. And our crumbling public structures, from bridges to tunnels, all need civil engineers to repair them.

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Civil engineers specialize in different areas. Transportation engineers, for example, tackle problems like traffic jams and air travel safety. Water resources engineers work to control the flow of rivers and ensure clean drinking water.

As a civil engineering major, you'll take classes in several fields before focusing on one. But you'll find there's overlap in some course work. For instance, you'll learn how to build structures that can stand up to earthquakes in both geotechnical and structural engineering. In a geotechnical engineering course, you'll focus on soil structure and foundation design. But when you study structural engineering, you'll be more concerned with designing



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