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Using Your  
PSAT/NMSQT®  
Scores to  
Increase  
College  
Readiness

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# Why am I here?

**Learn about your strengths and areas to work on**

**Discover possible career choices**

**Find which classes you should take next year**

**Practice for SAT and ACT college admission exams**

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# How to read your PSAT score report online Yippee! Hooray! 😊

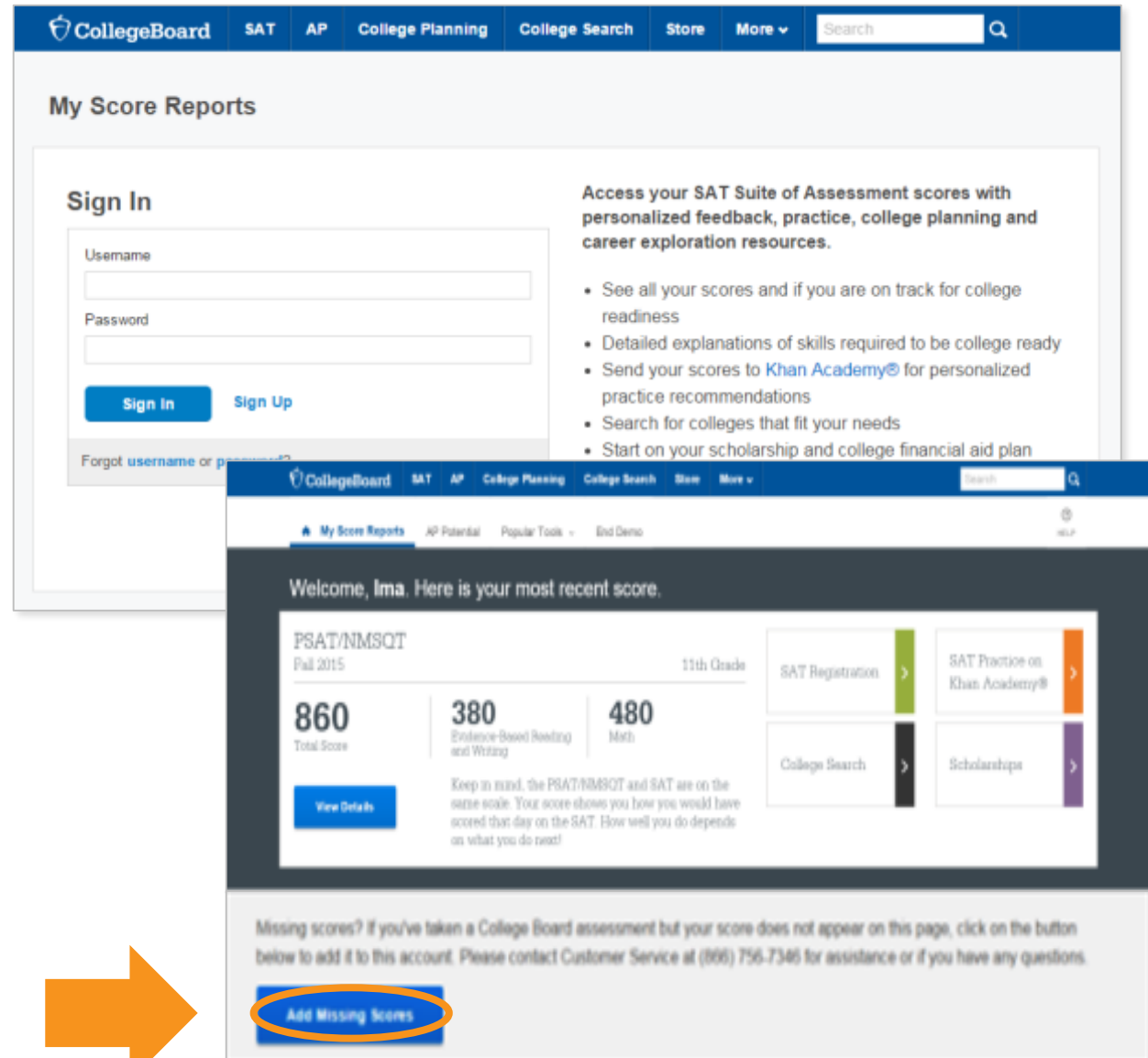
We won't have time for questions today, but you will have ....

- a follow up in your English class
- A chance to meet with your counselor about your specific score report

*\*\*We'll post this PowerPoint on the South website with live links to help you navigate your own personal score report*

# How Do I Access My Online PSAT/NMSQT® Scores?

1. Log in to your college board account [www.studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://www.studentscores.collegeboard.org)
2. Select PSAT/NMSQT Scores  
\*OR\*
3. Use “Missing Scores” to locate scores



The image shows two overlapping screenshots of the CollegeBoard website. The top screenshot displays the 'My Score Reports' page with a sign-in form. The bottom screenshot shows the user's score report for the PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2015 exam, 11th Grade. The total score is 860, with Evidence-Based Reading and Writing at 380 and Math at 480. A blue button labeled 'Add Missing Scores' is circled in orange, and a large orange arrow points to it from the left.

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### My Score Reports

**Sign In**

Username

Password

**Sign In** **Sign Up**

Forgot username or password?

Access your SAT Suite of Assessment scores with personalized feedback, practice, college planning and career exploration resources.

- See all your scores and if you are on track for college readiness
- Detailed explanations of skills required to be college ready
- Send your scores to Khan Academy® for personalized practice recommendations
- Search for colleges that fit your needs
- Start on your scholarship and college financial aid plan

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Welcome, Ima. Here is your most recent score.

PSAT/NMSQT  
Fall 2015 11th Grade

<b>860</b> Total Score	<b>380</b> Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	<b>480</b> Math
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**View Details**

Keep in mind, the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT are on the same scale. Your score shows you how you would have scored that day on the SAT. How well you do depends on what you do next!

SAT Registration > SAT Practice on Khan Academy® >

College Search > Scholarships >

Missing scores? If you've taken a College Board assessment but your score does not appear on this page, click on the button below to add it to this account. Please contact Customer Service at (800) 756-7346 for assistance or if you have any questions.

**Add Missing Scores**

# What Will I Learn About My Scores?

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# How Do I See My Detailed Scores?

## Score Report for PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2015

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Report Details

Test Questions

Skills Insight

NMSC Selection Index

Your Total Score

**860** | 320 to 1520

[My Score Range: 820-900](#)

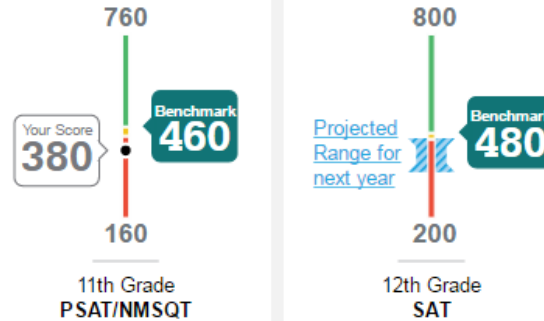
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Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score

**380** | 160 to 760

[My Score Range: 350-410](#)



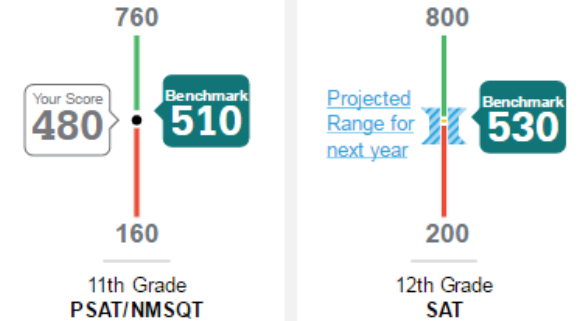
**!** Your scores indicate you need to strengthen your college readiness skills.

Let's get you on track, so you won't have to take noncredit courses in college. Choose to share your scores on [Khan Academy®](#) to receive free, personalized practice recommendations.

Your Math Score

**480** | 160 to 760

[My Score Range: 450-510](#)



**!** Your scores indicate you are close to being on track for college readiness, but you need to continue to strengthen your skills.

Let's get you on track, so you won't have to take noncredit courses in college. Choose to share your scores on [Khan Academy®](#) to receive free, personalized practice recommendations.

# How Did My Score Measure Against the Benchmarks?

## Section scores

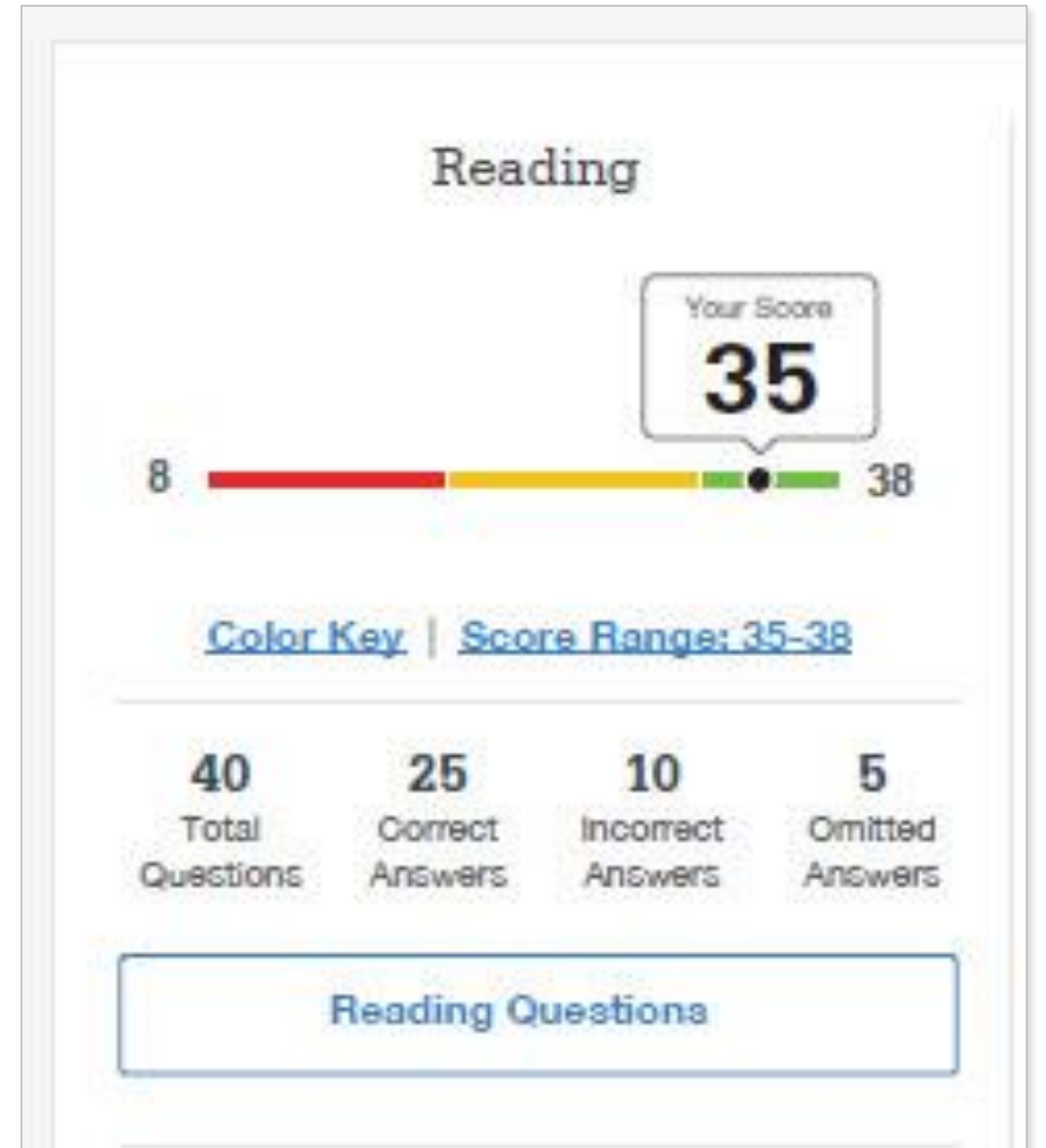
**Need to Strengthen Skills** = below grade-level benchmark by more than one year

**Approaching Benchmark** = below grade-level benchmark by one year or less

**Meets or Exceeds Benchmark** = at or above grade-level benchmark

## Test scores and subscores

Red, yellow, and green ranges reflect areas of strengths and weaknesses compared to the typical performance of students



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# What Can I Learn from My Answers?

**See the actual questions, answer choices, and the answer selected.**

Look at the online score report and consider the following:

- Identify the questions 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?

**Check the level of difficulty of each question and the related subscores and cross-test scores.**

Look at the types of questions answered incorrectly and skipped and consider the following:

- 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?

Score Report for PSAT/NMSQT, Fall 2015

Questions Overview

40	25	10	5
Total Questions	Correct Answers	Incorrect Answers	Omitted Answers

Test Questions Key

■ Easy ■ Medium ■ Hard | ✓ Correct ✗ Omitted U Unscored

Reading Test Questions

Select a test question below to review in detail.

Filters: Response Difficulty Subscores/Cross-test Score

Question ↑↓	Correct Answer	Your Answer	Difficulty ↑↓	Subscores/ Cross-test Score
1	D	B	■ ■ ■	Command of Evidence Relevant Words in Context
2	B	✓	■ ■ ■	Expression of Ideas
3	C	✓	■ ■ ■	Standard English Conventions
4	A	✓	■ ■ ■	Analysis in History/Social Studies
5	A	✗	■ ■ ■	Analysis in Science
6	C	✓	■ ■ ■	Expression of Ideas
7	B	✓	■ ■ ■	
8	D	✓	■ ■ ■	Analysis in History/Social Studies



# What Is My AP Potential™?

## AP Potential uses scores from the PSAT/NMSQT® to provide predictions for 21 AP® Exams.

- 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 and Coursework**

**What is AP?**  
Advanced Placement is a College Board program that enables students to pursue college-level studies - with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement or both - while still in high school. The program offers courses in more than 30 subjects. For a full list of courses, click here. If you've taken a College Board assessment in 9th grade or higher, see below for a list of AP courses that you are likely to succeed in. If you've taken an assessment in 9th grade or higher but don't see any AP courses listed below, click here to link the scores to this account or contact Customer Service at (866)756-7546 for assistance and questions.

**High School Core Coursework**  
Colleges have different high school course requirements, but all expect you to take classes that challenge your skills. Try to take a core course load of 4 years of English and at least 3 years of Math, Science, and Social Studies. As you work towards your high school diploma, you should consider taking courses that align with your future career interest and college major, which may require more than the standard core course load. You may also want to think about taking Advanced Placement courses in your later years of high school.

[View all AP Courses](#)

**AP Potential Key**

**Potential**  
Your scores show that you have the potential for success in this course. Speak with your teachers or school counselor to see if you have the appropriate prerequisite courses and find out how you can enroll.

**Some Potential**  
Your scores show that you have some potential for success in this AP course. Having interest in the course subject as well as dedication to working hard will increase your chances for success. Speak with your teachers or school counselor to see if you have the appropriate prerequisite courses and find out how you can enroll.

**Potential Not Yet Indicated**  
Your scores show that you may need more preparation and support to be successful in this course. Share your goals and interests with your teachers and school counselor, and learn which high school courses can prepare you for AP courses in the future. If you're already taking an AP course, you can still succeed through hard work and motivation. Talk to your teachers regularly so they can support you.

**AP Courses**  
Your scores on the PSAT/NMSQT can identify your potential for success in specific AP courses. Below is a list of these AP courses. The chart identifies your potential for each of these AP courses and if these AP courses are offered in your school. You may also link to see if these AP courses match your college major.

Select a Major

Subject	AP Potential	Your School Offers this Course	Matches Major
Art History	●●●●		✓
Biology	●●●○	✓	
Calculus AB	●○○○	✓	
Calculus BC	●○○○	✓	✓

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# What Are My Next Steps?

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

# Official SAT<sup>®</sup> Practice with Khan Academy<sup>®</sup> — It's FREE!

- Go to [satpractice.org](https://satpractice.org) and create a free account.
- Get personalized recommendations. Link your Khan Academy account to your College Board account to import past SAT Suite results, or take diagnostic quizzes to get personalized recommendations.
- Create a study plan. Select a test date and set up a practice schedule.

