

# Understanding Your PSAT/NMSQT Results

## 5 Major Parts of Your PSAT/NMSQT Results

Your Scores

Review Your Answers

Improve Your Skills

NMSC Programs

Your Educational Plans

## 3 Test Sections

Critical Reading

Mathematics

Writing Skills

# Your Scores

## Your Scores

Critical Reading

50

### Ranges



You scored higher than 55% of juniors.

### Percentiles



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

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



# Review Your Answers

## Review Your Answers

Ask for your test book back so you can see the questions.

### Key

- ✓ Correct
- Overlaid
- u Unscorable
- e Easy

### SECTION 1

Question	Answer	Time
1	A	m
2	B	e
3	A	m
4	C	h
5	B	h
6	D	e
7	B	m
8	D	e
9	B	m
10	E	h
11	D	h
12	C	m
13	A	m
14	B	m
15	A	e
16	C	m
17	A	e
18	E	m
19	B	m
20	B	m
21	E	m
22	D	h
23	E	m
24	A	m
25	D	m
26	D	e
27	D	e
28	A	e
29	C	e
30	D	m
31	A	h

Measurement  
Number &  
Operations

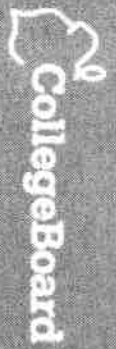
You will get your original test book back with your PSAT/NMSQT results, so that you can review the test questions.  
You may also review each test question by logging in to My College QuickStart.



# Review Your Answers: Mathematics

Alg = Algebra & Functions  
 Data = Data Analysis, Statistics & Probability  
 Geom = Geometry & Measurement  
 Num = Number & Operations

SECTION 2		Question		Correct Answer		Your Answer		Missing Content	
Multiple-Choice									
1	D	✓		e	Alg				
2	E	✓		e	Data				
3	E	✓		e	Geom				
4	C	✓		e	Alg				
5	B	✓		e	Geom				
6	B	✓		e	Alg				
7	C	○		e	Num				
8	A	✓		m	Geom				
9	B	✓		m	Data				
10	D	✓		m	Alg				
11	B	○		m	Geom				
12	D	✓		m	Alg				
13	B	D		m	Alg				
14	A	D		h	Data				
15	E	D		m	Alg				
16	E	✓		m	Num				
17	A	C		h	Num				
18	E	○		h	Geom				
19	A	A		h	Alg				
20	C	C		h	Geom				
21	C	✓		e	Num				
22	E	✓		e	Alg				
23	C	✓		m	Geom				
24	A	✓		m	Num				
25	D	✓		m	Geom				
26	C	✓		m	Alg				
27	A	✓		m	Alg				
28	A	B		m	Num				



# Review Your Answers: Student-Produced Responses

The written answers are not scored.  
Only answers gridded in the ovals are scored.

**SECTION 4**

Student-Produced Responses

Question	Correct Answer(s)	Your Answer(s)	Difficulty	Content
29	7	✓	m	Alg
30	3	○	m	Num
31	4.5 or 9/2	○	m	Alg
32	1000	✓	m	Data
33	10, 12, 14, or 16	✓	m	Alg
34	8/5 or 1.6	○	m	Geom
35	29	✓	m	Data
36	108	50.9	m	Num
37	42	4.2	m	Alg
38	42	10	m	Geom



## Answer Summary & Scoring

Correct answer = plus 1 point

Omitted answer = no points

Wrong answer on multiple-choice question = minus ¼ point

Wrong answer on student-produced response question = No points lost

You answered correctly **29** of **48** critical reading questions and earned **29** points.

**11** of **14** easy questions

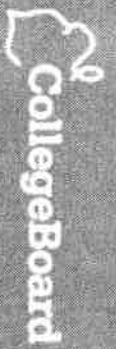
**15** of **23** medium questions

**3** of **11** hard questions

You omitted **1** question(s).

You answered incorrectly **18** question(s) and lost **5** point(s).

The image shows a portion of a PSAT/NMSQT answer sheet. It features a grid with handwritten answers in the bubbles. Below the grid, there is a score of 29. The text on the page includes 'PSAT/NMSQT ANSWER SHEET', 'Score: 29', and 'Total Score: 29'. There are also some faint instructions and a logo at the bottom.



## Improve Your Skills

The skills listed are based on your individual performance.

Follow the suggestions noted in “how to improve” and work with your teachers.

Review skills using questions listed.

### Improve Your Skills

The skills listed are based on *your individual performance* on the test and represent those that you have the best chance to improve with extra work.

Follow the suggestions to improve in each area.

- **Determining an author’s purpose or perspective**  
**How to improve:** Authors write for a variety of purposes, such as to inform, to explain, or to convince. When you read, try to determine why the author wrote what he or she wrote.  
See questions 20, 42, 48.
- **Understanding complex sentences**  
**How to improve:** Ask your English teacher to recommend books that are a bit more challenging than those you’re used to reading. Practice breaking the sentences down into their component parts to improve your comprehension. Learn how dependent clauses and verb phrases function in sentences.  
See questions 5, 33.
- **Understanding sentences that deal with scientific ideas**  
**How to improve:** Read magazine articles about scientific subjects to improve your comfort level in this area.  
See questions 8, 36.

# National Merit Scholarship Corporation Information

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.

The screenshot shows the NMSC website interface. At the top, it displays the student's name: "Student: BRUNSWICK, NINA B". Below this, there are three score boxes: "Critical Reading 50", "Mathematics 52", and "Writing 44". A "Your Scores" section is visible on the left. The main content area is titled "National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) Results" and contains several sections:

- Selection Index 146**: A box highlighting the total score.
- Percentile 47**: A box highlighting the student's performance relative to other college-bound juniors.
- Entry Requirements**: A section with a heading "Below is information you provided on your answer sheet." and a "Yes" response to the question: "You completed high school and scored well above average in 2011".
- High school student**: A section with a "Yes" response to the question: "Have you been in grades 9-12?".
- U.S. citizenship**: A section with a "Yes" response to the question: "Are you among the 55,000 high scorers who qualify for program recognition, you will be notified next September?".



# Your Educational Plans

Based on the college major you provided on your answer sheet, this section will give you:

- Description of that major
- Skills associated with that major
- Recommended high school courses for that major

## Your Educational Plans

Grade Average **B**

College Major

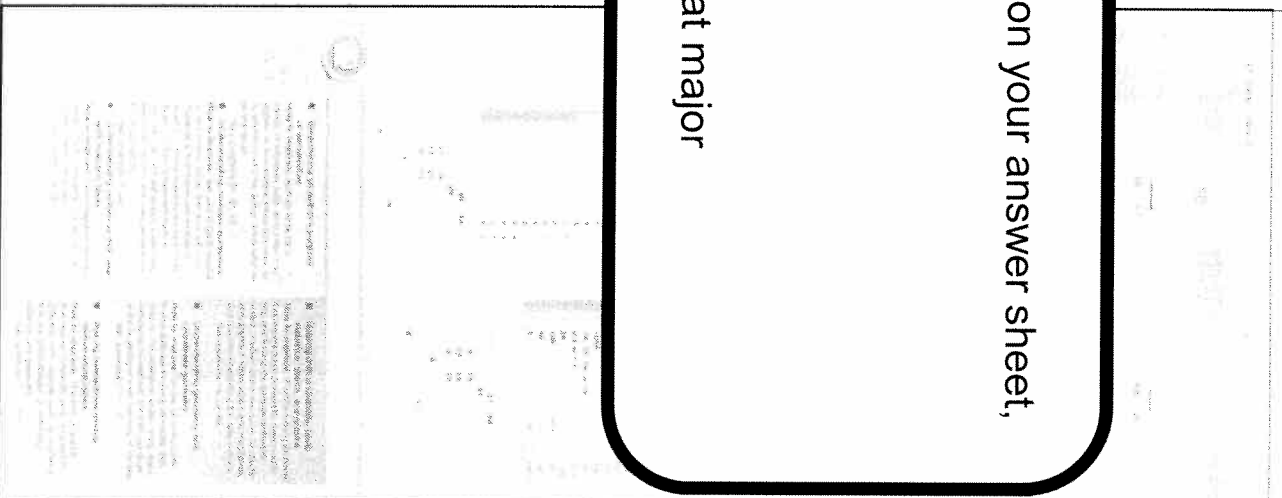
### Computer Engineering

Information above is self-reported.

**Description:** In the computer engineering major, students learn to design and develop computer and computer-related systems. These systems include software systems, hardware systems, and combined hardware/software systems. Students take courses in basic sciences, mathematics, and engineering science and design.

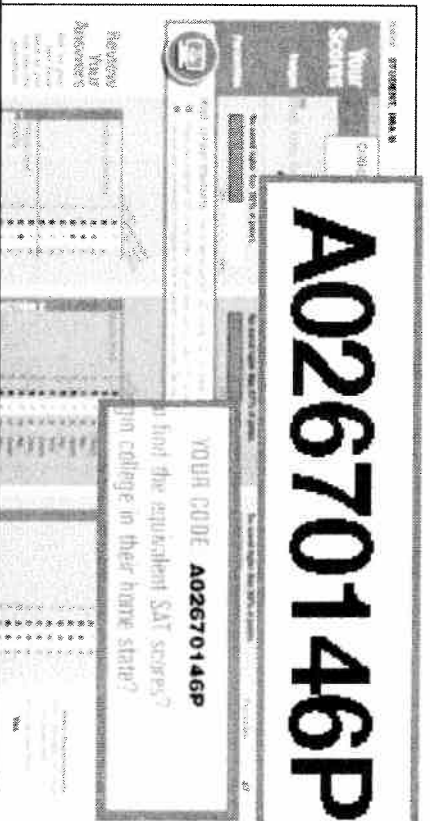
**Associated Skills:**  
Computing, basic sciences, mathematics.

**Recommended High School Courses:** English 4, precollege mathematics 4, biology 1, chemistry 1, physics 1, social studies 3-4, history 2-3, foreign language 2-4, music .5, visual arts .5, and computer science .5-1.



# My College QuickStart™

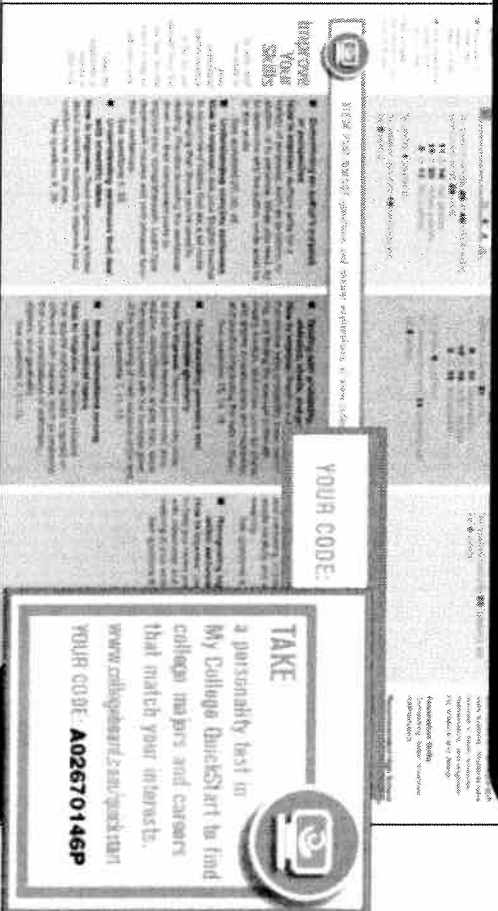
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The access code that you may use to set up a My College QuickStart account is located in several places on the score report.

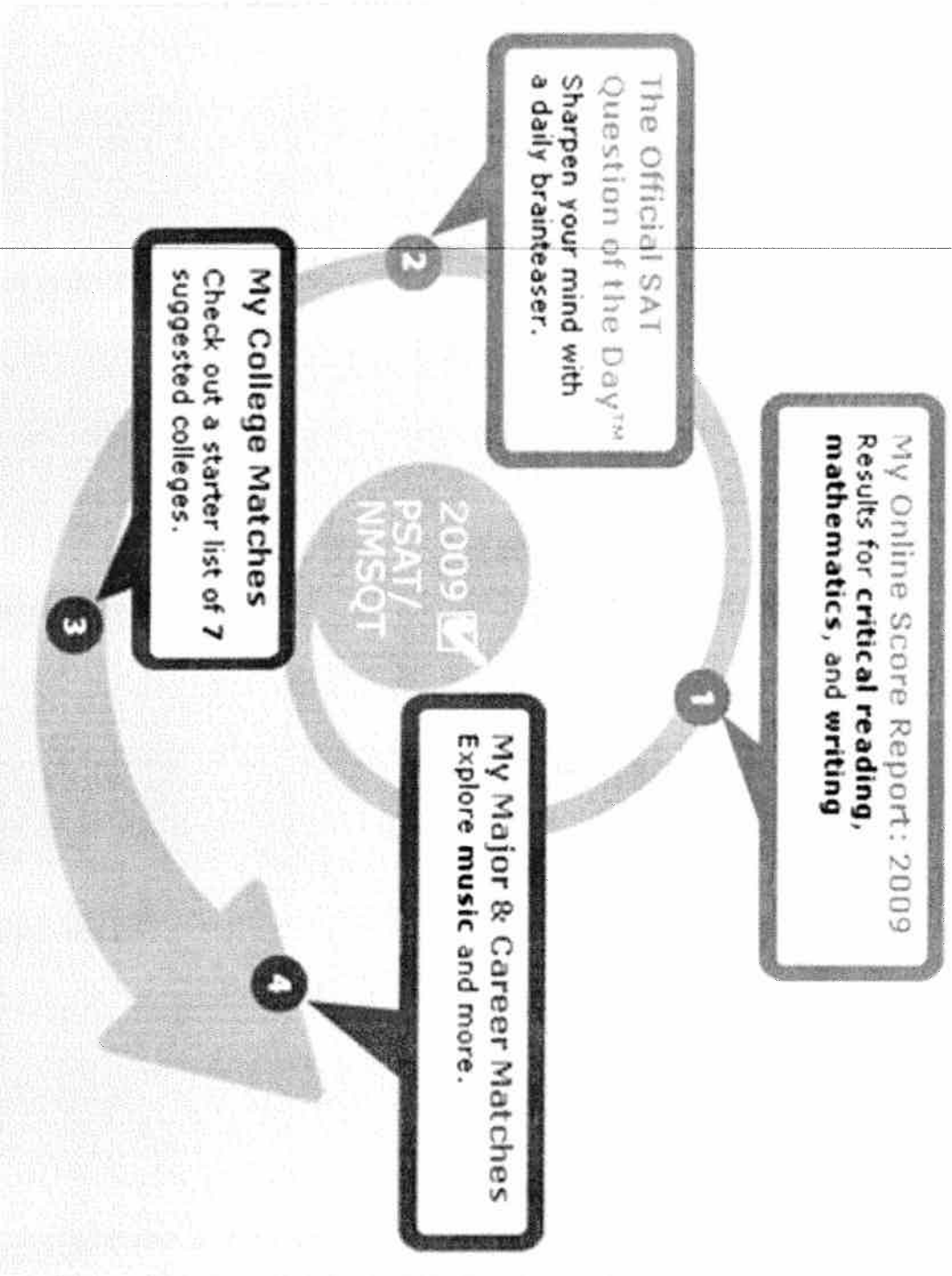
Use the access code at [www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart) to set up your account.

Your access will last through to the end of high school.



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## Reminder: Retention Policy To Become a Junior:

- A student who has earned a minimum of **10 credits** with **6 of the 10 in core classes** will be classified as a junior.
- 6 credits from any of the following courses:
  - English I, II
  - Algebra I, Geometry, or other required math course
  - Biology, IPC or Chemistry/Physics or other approved science course
  - World Geography, World History or other required social studies

# Thinking about how you might score on the SAT?

*Don't Practice on the Real Thing...*

Join us for a SAT Practice Test and Strategy Session

**When (Practice Test): Saturday, February 6, 2010**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Where: Wakeland Cafeteria**

**\*\*Register By: Monday, February 1, 2010**

- **Strategy Session:** Thursday, February 18, 2010 6:00-7:30pm;  
Session Location: Wakeland High School - Cafeteria

**Cost:** \$10 non-refundable and due by registration deadline

**\*\*For more information and the flyer, please see the Wakeland website**