

**College Board**  
**College and Career Readiness Benchmarks**  
**Changes introduced in spring 2016**

**SAT College and Career Readiness Benchmarks Defined**

Students are considered college- and career-ready when their SAT section scores meet both the Math and the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing benchmarks. It is important to note that college readiness is a continuum — students scoring below the SAT benchmarks can still be successful in college, especially with additional preparation and perseverance.

Students with an SAT Math section score that meets or exceeds the benchmark have a 75 percent chance of earning at least a C in first-semester, credit-bearing college courses in algebra, statistics, pre-calculus, or calculus.

Students with an SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW) section score that meets or exceeds the benchmark have a 75 percent chance of earning at least a C in first-semester, credit-bearing college courses in history, literature, social sciences, or writing classes.

	PSAT 8/9 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	PSAT 8/9 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	PSAT or PSAT/NMSQT 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	PSAT/NMSQT 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	SAT
<b>EBRW</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>480</b>
<b>Math</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>530</b>

## Grade-Level Benchmarks Defined

Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9 see grade-level benchmarks on their score reports. Grade-level benchmarks indicate whether students are on track for college and career readiness. They are based on expected student growth toward SAT benchmarks at each grade. Preliminary benchmarks were used for the 2015 PSAT/NMSQT and fall PSAT 8/9 scores.

### NOTE:

#### Fall 2015 Benchmarks

In certain reports, the online portal for educators will temporarily display some graphics based on finalized benchmarks but data based on preliminary benchmarks. You'll see these graphics when you:

- Run the Benchmarks by Institution report or the Instructional Planning report.
- View or print PDFs.
- View student profiles.

Students who took the fall 2015 PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 8/9 and view or print PDFs will see this too.

Yes or No checkmarks denote fall 2015 preliminary benchmarks. Red, yellow, and green bars reflect the finalized benchmarks introduced in spring 2016.

## Benchmark Indicators

Score reports use colors to show how students' section scores relate to the SAT or grade-level benchmark.

- **Green:** The section score meets or exceeds the benchmark.
- **Yellow:** The section score is within one year's academic growth of the benchmark.
- **Red:** The section score is below the benchmark by more than one year's academic growth.

### SAT Section Score Ranges

#### 200-800 Point Scale

	Red	Yellow	Green
<b>EBRW</b>	200–450	460–470	480–800
<b>Math</b>	200–500	510–520	530–800

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Section Score Ranges

#### 160-760 Point Scale

	Red	Yellow	Green
<b>EBRW</b>	160–420	430–450	460–760
<b>Math</b>	160–470	480–500	510–760

More information can be found at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about/scores/benchmarks>

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**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Section Score Ranges**  
**160-760 Point Scale**

	<b>Red</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>EBRW</b>	160–400	410–420	430–760
<b>Math</b>	160–440	450–470	480–760

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Section Score Ranges**  
**120-720 Point Scale**

	<b>Red</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>EBRW</b>	120–380	390–400	410–720
<b>Math</b>	120–420	430–440	450–720

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Section Score Ranges**  
**120-720 Point Scale**

	<b>Red</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>EBRW</b>	120–360	370–380	390–720
<b>Math</b>	120–400	410–420	430–720

