

## NMSA - 10th graders taking the PSAT

<b>% College-Ready</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Evidence-Based Reading and Writing</b>	95%	79%
<b>Math</b>	48%	44%

Each area is scored on a scale of 160 to 760 points.

The benchmark score in ERW is 430.

The benchmark score in Math is 480

PSAT is a nationwide, multiple-choice test taken by about 3.4 million high school students every year—mostly sophomores and juniors. A great primer for the SAT® and even the ACT®, the PSAT includes math, critical reading and writing questions.

The percentage of 10<sup>th</sup> grade students who take the test is used by NMPED as one of the measures of college and career readiness. Therefore, all 10<sup>th</sup> graders take this test. NMPED covers testing fees 10<sup>th</sup> graders.

11<sup>th</sup> graders hoping to qualify as National Merit Scholarship Finalists also take the test. 11<sup>th</sup> graders who qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch receive a fee waiver. Three NMSA students have been National Merit Scholarship Finalist, including one this year.