

# PSAT/NMSQT<sup>®</sup>

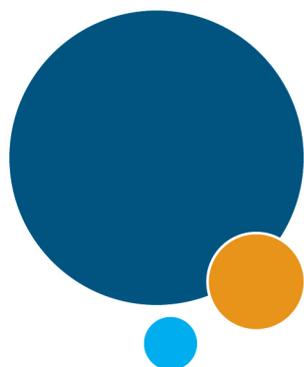
Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

## 2014-15 SOAS

### Summary of Answers and Skills Report

Saturday Form: Ninth-Graders, Class of 2018

**Oregon State Public Schools**



PSAT/NMSQT results for your students are enclosed. Use this information to adjust curricula and instructional practice to improve student learning.

# Performance Overview

This report details the performance of 87 students from the 9th grade. This page provides an overview of your students' performance on the PSAT/NMSQT, allowing you to make general comparisons of your student population with the state and nation. The remainder of the report will assist you in analyzing your students' performance in much greater detail - use it to identify gaps in your local curriculum or to adapt instruction.

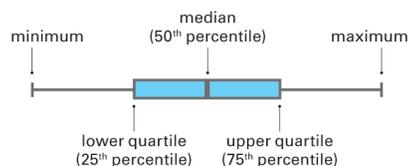
For each section of the test (critical reading, mathematics and writing skills), you will find the following:

- **Skill Analysis:** A summary of your students' performance on the college readiness skills tested on the PSAT/NMSQT.
- **Question Analysis:** A detailed analysis of your students' responses to each PSAT/NMSQT question.
- **Comparable Group Analysis:** A statistical comparison highlighting anomalies in your students' performance on each PSAT/NMSQT question.

**87**  
**9th GRADE STUDENTS**  
**8**  
**SCHOOLS**

## Score Distribution

The "boxplots" to the right show the distribution of test scores for your students, as well as for the state and nation. When interpreting these results, focus on typical scores (means and medians), variability in scores (standard deviations and lengths of boxes), and shapes of distributions (position of boxes relative to the median). Plots that have boxes that are off-center reveal that a greater proportion of students are high-scoring (the box to the right) or low-scoring (box appears to the left).



Note: The minimum and maximum exclude outliers.

Test Section	Group	Mean Score	Standard Deviation	Score Distribution	
				20	30
Critical Reading	<b>Public</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>9.7</b>	40	60
	State*	53.8	9.9	35	65
	Nation	45.5	10.7	35	55
Mathematics	<b>Public</b>	<b>59.6</b>	<b>11.0</b>	45	70
	State*	58.9	11.4	40	70
	Nation	49.2	11.9	35	60
Writing Skills	<b>Public</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>9.7</b>	45	60
	State*	51.9	9.8	40	65
	Nation	44.8	10.7	35	55

\* Note: "State" refers to all students in your state, including public and non-public schools for all pages in this report.

# Critical Reading Skill Analysis

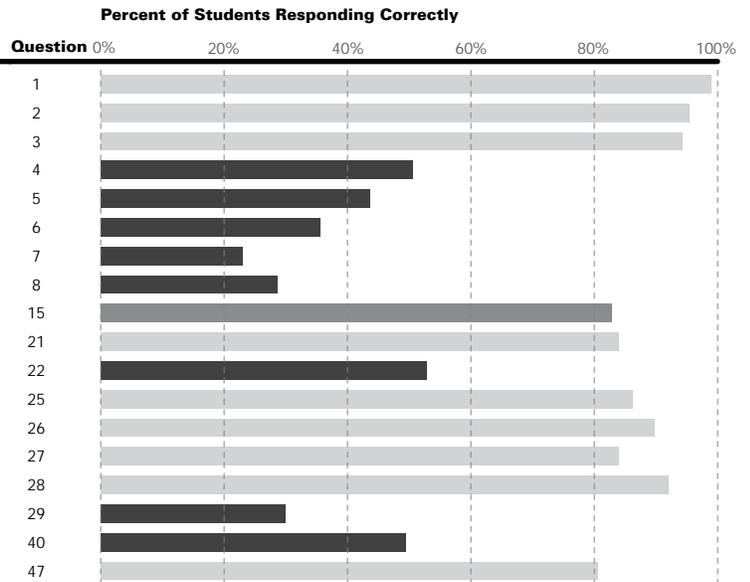
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Group		Difficulty	
x	Public	■	Easy (1-3)
G	State	■	Medium (4-6)
F	Nation	■	Hard (7-9)

## Determining the Meaning of Words

Use vocabulary skills, context, roots, prefixes, and suffixes to determine the meaning of words.

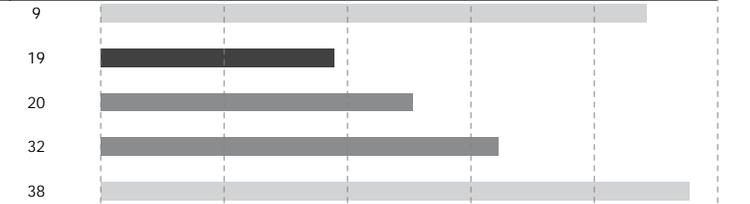
12.0 of 18 questions correct



## Author's Craft

Understand how authors use tone, style and writing devices such as metaphor or symbolism.

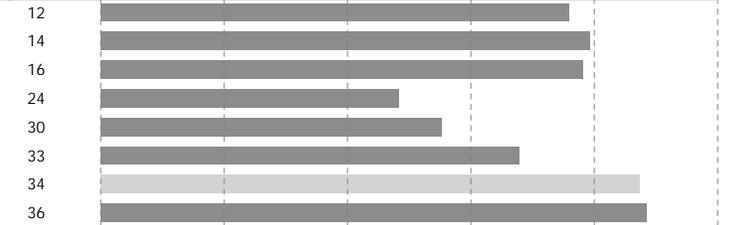
3.4 of 5 questions correct



## Reasoning and Inferencing

Understand assumptions, suggestions and implications in reading passages and draw informed conclusions.

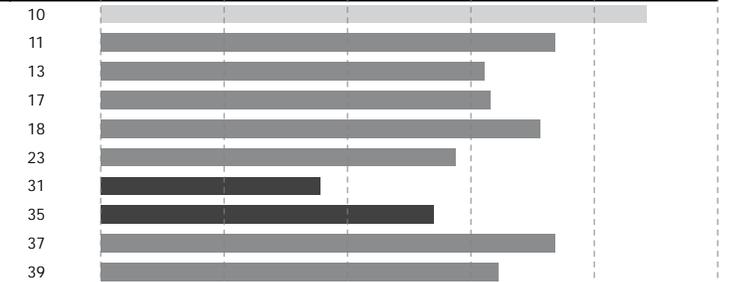
5.8 of 8 questions correct



## Organization and Ideas

Understand the organization of a reading passage, and identify the main and supporting ideas.

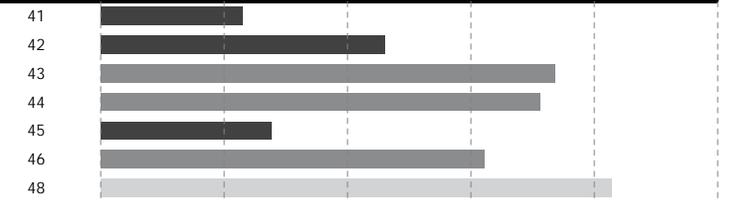
6.4 of 10 questions correct



## Understanding Literary Elements

Understand literary elements such as plot, setting and characterization.

3.9 of 7 questions correct



# Critical Reading Question Analysis

This section shows the distribution of correct and incorrect answers for your students, state and nation.

Question	Difficulty Group	Answer Data (% and correct answer in bold)							Answer Distribution				
		A	B	C	D	E	omitted	Correct Answer	20%	40%	60%	80%	
Section 1	1	1	0	0	0	<b>99</b>	0	E					
	Public State Nation	1 0 0 0 99 0											
	2	0	3	<b>95</b>	0	0	1	C					
	Public State Nation	0 3 95 0 0 1											
	3	5	0	0	<b>94</b>	1	0	D					
	Public State Nation	5 0 0 94 1 0											
	4	22	10	3	<b>51</b>	6	8	D					
	Public State Nation	22 10 3 51 6 8											
	5	15	14	<b>44</b>	6	12	10	C					
	Public State Nation	15 14 44 6 12 10											
	6	3	2	8	<b>36</b>	43	8	D					
	Public State Nation	3 2 8 36 43 8											
	7	5	<b>23</b>	12	26	21	14	B					
	Public State Nation	5 23 12 26 21 14											
	8	24	6	15	<b>29</b>	15	12	D					
	Public State Nation	24 6 15 29 15 12											
	9	6	2	1	2	<b>89</b>	0	E					
	Public State Nation	6 2 1 2 89 0											
	10	<b>89</b>	3	1	2	2	2	A					
	Public State Nation	89 3 1 2 2 2											
	11	8	0	5	<b>74</b>	14	0	D					
	Public State Nation	8 0 5 74 14 0											
	12	<b>76</b>	5	1	17	0	1	A					
	Public State Nation	76 5 1 17 0 1											
13	9	<b>62</b>	2	2	21	3	B						
Public State Nation	9 62 2 2 21 3												
14	2	9	7	<b>79</b>	2	0	D						
Public State Nation	2 9 7 79 2 0												
15	1	3	12	<b>83</b>	0	1	D						
Public State Nation	1 3 12 83 0 1												
16	<b>78</b>	7	2	0	7	6	A						
Public State Nation	78 7 2 0 7 6												
17	10	1	<b>63</b>	12	9	5	C						
Public State Nation	10 1 63 12 9 5												
18	1	3	0	22	<b>71</b>	2	E						
Public State Nation	1 3 0 22 71 2												
19	14	10	<b>38</b>	17	14	7	C						
Public State Nation	14 10 38 17 14 7												
20	1	<b>51</b>	7	6	28	8	B						
Public State Nation	1 51 7 6 28 8												
21	2	2	0	<b>84</b>	8	3	D						
Public State Nation	2 2 0 84 8 3												
22	<b>53</b>	12	18	9	0	8	A						
Public State Nation	53 12 18 9 0 8												
23	2	12	9	13	<b>58</b>	7	E						
Public State Nation	2 12 9 13 58 7												
24	9	8	<b>48</b>	13	12	10	C						
Public State Nation	9 8 48 13 12 10												

# Critical Reading Question Analysis

Question	Difficulty	Group	Answer Data (% and correct answer in bold)						Answer Distribution							
			A	B	C	D	E	omitted	Correct Answer	20%	40%	60%	80%			
Section 3	25	3	Public	8	2	3	<b>86</b>	0	0	D						
			State	7	2	6	<b>84</b>	0	0							
			Nation	14	6	7	<b>71</b>	1	1							
		26	3	Public	<b>90</b>	0	0	7	2	1	A					
				State	<b>89</b>	0	0	6	3	1						
				Nation	<b>67</b>	4	5	17	5	4						
		27	3	Public	5	3	<b>84</b>	3	3	1	C					
				State	4	4	<b>83</b>	4	3	1						
				Nation	5	4	<b>70</b>	9	6	6						
		28	3	Public	3	0	3	<b>92</b>	0	1	D					
				State	4	0	3	<b>90</b>	1	1						
				Nation	10	3	6	<b>74</b>	4	3						
		29	8	Public	21	15	24	<b>30</b>	1	9	D					
				State	20	16	25	<b>30</b>	1	9						
				Nation	30	8	29	<b>17</b>	6	9						
		30	6	Public	3	<b>55</b>	16	12	7	7	B					
				State	5	<b>53</b>	15	13	7	6						
				Nation	9	<b>38</b>	15	16	13	9						
		31	8	Public	18	14	13	<b>36</b>	17	2	D					
				State	18	14	13	<b>36</b>	17	2						
				Nation	26	19	9	<b>27</b>	13	5						
		32	5	Public	5	7	6	17	<b>64</b>	1	E					
				State	5	6	5	18	<b>64</b>	1						
				Nation	11	8	7	24	<b>44</b>	6						
		33	6	Public	16	0	12	5	<b>68</b>	0	E					
				State	16	1	12	4	<b>67</b>	0						
				Nation	18	5	17	10	<b>43</b>	7						
		34	3	Public	3	<b>87</b>	0	2	7	0	B					
				State	3	<b>86</b>	0	2	7	1						
				Nation	9	<b>71</b>	2	5	11	2						
		35	7	Public	24	9	1	9	<b>54</b>	2	E					
				State	23	10	2	9	<b>54</b>	2						
				Nation	20	13	10	19	<b>31</b>	7						
		36	4	Public	<b>89</b>	3	1	2	1	3	A					
				State	<b>89</b>	3	1	2	1	3						
				Nation	<b>73</b>	9	4	6	4	5						
	37	4	Public	<b>74</b>	9	5	5	6	2	A						
			State	<b>73</b>	9	4	5	6	2							
			Nation	<b>61</b>	11	8	12	3	6							
	38	1	Public	1	0	<b>95</b>	1	1	1	C						
			State	1	0	<b>96</b>	1	1	1							
			Nation	4	3	<b>84</b>	3	4	3							
	39	5	Public	30	<b>64</b>	0	2	2	1	B						
			State	30	<b>65</b>	0	2	2	1							
			Nation	36	<b>47</b>	4	5	3	5							
	40	7	Public	3	3	29	13	<b>49</b>	2	E						
			State	4	3	29	12	<b>50</b>	2							
			Nation	10	7	23	27	<b>28</b>	5							
	41	8	Public	<b>23</b>	5	10	47	8	7	A						
			State	<b>22</b>	5	10	46	10	7							
			Nation	<b>23</b>	5	17	33	10	12							
	42	7	Public	10	9	<b>46</b>	3	28	3	C						
			State	11	10	<b>47</b>	3	27	3							
			Nation	17	10	<b>28</b>	6	33	8							
	43	5	Public	<b>74</b>	20	0	2	0	5	A						
			State	<b>73</b>	18	0	3	0	5							
			Nation	<b>58</b>	21	2	6	2	11							
	44	5	Public	0	20	2	1	<b>71</b>	6	E						
			State	0	20	2	1	<b>70</b>	6							
			Nation	3	23	5	5	<b>48</b>	16							
	45	9	Public	28	24	5	8	<b>28</b>	8	E						
			State	30	22	4	7	<b>28</b>	9							
			Nation	21	20	8	15	<b>18</b>	18							
	46	6	Public	17	2	<b>62</b>	6	0	13	C						
			State	19	2	<b>61</b>	5	0	13							
			Nation	27	8	<b>33</b>	7	5	21							
	47	3	Public	2	9	2	<b>81</b>	0	6	D						
			State	2	10	3	<b>80</b>	0	5							
			Nation	3	16	2	<b>65</b>	2	13							
	48	3	Public	3	<b>83</b>	5	0	1	8	B						
			State	3	<b>84</b>	4	0	1	7							
			Nation	7	<b>59</b>	8	4	3	18							

# Critical Reading Comparable Group Analysis

## What is a comparable group?

A comparable group is a statistically generated group that allows you to identify questions where your students' performance diverges from what might be expected based on their overall performance. It is a sample of students whose overall performance was similar to the performance of your student population. This group is compiled based on performance only, and does not account for attributes like student demographics, geographic region or school size.

## How is this information useful?

Focusing on questions where your students' performance is significantly lower than the comparable group performance can reveal opportunities where you might realistically expect to improve student learning. Similarly, when your students' performance is significantly higher than the comparable group performance, you can identify strengths in your curriculum and instruction, and work to ensure that those strengths are recognized and maintained.

	Question	Difficulty	School (% correct)	Comp Group (% correct)	Difference between School and Comparable Group				
					-10%	-5%	0%	+5%	+10%
<b>Section 1</b>	1	1	<b>99</b>	97				}	
	2	2	<b>95</b>	94				}	
	3	2	<b>94</b>	96			}		
	4	7	<b>51</b>	52			}		
	5	7	<b>44</b>	40			}		
	6	8	<b>36</b>	38			}		
	7	8	<b>23</b>	26			}		
	8	9	<b>29</b>	18				}	
	9	3	<b>89</b>	91			}		
	10	3	<b>89</b>	85			}		
	11	5	<b>74</b>	75			}		
	12	5	<b>76</b>	70			}		
	13	5	<b>62</b>	73	}				
	14	4	<b>79</b>	79			}		
	15	4	<b>83</b>	80			}		
	16	5	<b>78</b>	78			}		
	17	5	<b>63</b>	67		}			
	18	4	<b>71</b>	72		}			
	19	8	<b>38</b>	36		}			
	20	6	<b>51</b>	54		}			
	21	2	<b>84</b>	89		}			
	22	7	<b>53</b>	51		}			
	23	6	<b>58</b>	55		}			
	24	6	<b>48</b>	52		}			

	Question	Difficulty	School (% correct)	Comp Group (% correct)	Difference between School and Comparable Group				
					-10%	-5%	0%	+5%	+10%
<b>Section 3</b>	25	3	<b>86</b>	88			}		
	26	3	<b>90</b>	86			}		
	27	3	<b>84</b>	87			}		
	28	3	<b>92</b>	89			}		
	29	8	<b>30</b>	35		}			
	30	6	<b>55</b>	56		}			
	31	8	<b>36</b>	39		}			
	32	5	<b>64</b>	59		}			
	33	6	<b>68</b>	63		}			
	34	3	<b>87</b>	87		}			
	35	7	<b>54</b>	47		}			
	36	4	<b>89</b>	86		}			
	37	4	<b>74</b>	78		}			
	38	1	<b>95</b>	95		}			
	39	5	<b>64</b>	67		}			
	40	7	<b>49</b>	44		}			
	41	8	<b>23</b>	24		}			
	42	7	<b>46</b>	49		}			
	43	5	<b>74</b>	74		}			
	44	5	<b>71</b>	67		}			
	45	9	<b>28</b>	21		}			
	46	6	<b>62</b>	46					+16% <del>X</del>
	47	3	<b>81</b>	84		}			
	48	3	<b>83</b>	77		}			

Your students performed **significantly worse** on questions that fall in the dark blue column to the left, and **significantly better** on questions that fall in the light blue column to the right.

# Mathematics Skill Analysis

The left column indicates how many questions your students answered correctly. The right column shows your students' performance on each question by skill category.

Group	Difficulty
Public	Easy (1-3)
State	Medium (4-6)
Nation	Hard (7-9)

## Number and Operations

Understand types of numbers (integers, fractions, decimals), their properties, and the correct order of operations (multiplication, division, addition).

6.0 of 8 questions correct



## Algebra and Functions

Solve problems using algebraic expressions and symbols to represent relationships, patterns, and functions of different types.

10.2 of 14 questions correct



## Geometry and Measurement

Solve problems based on understanding the properties of shapes, such as triangles and circles, and the spatial relationships between angles and lines.

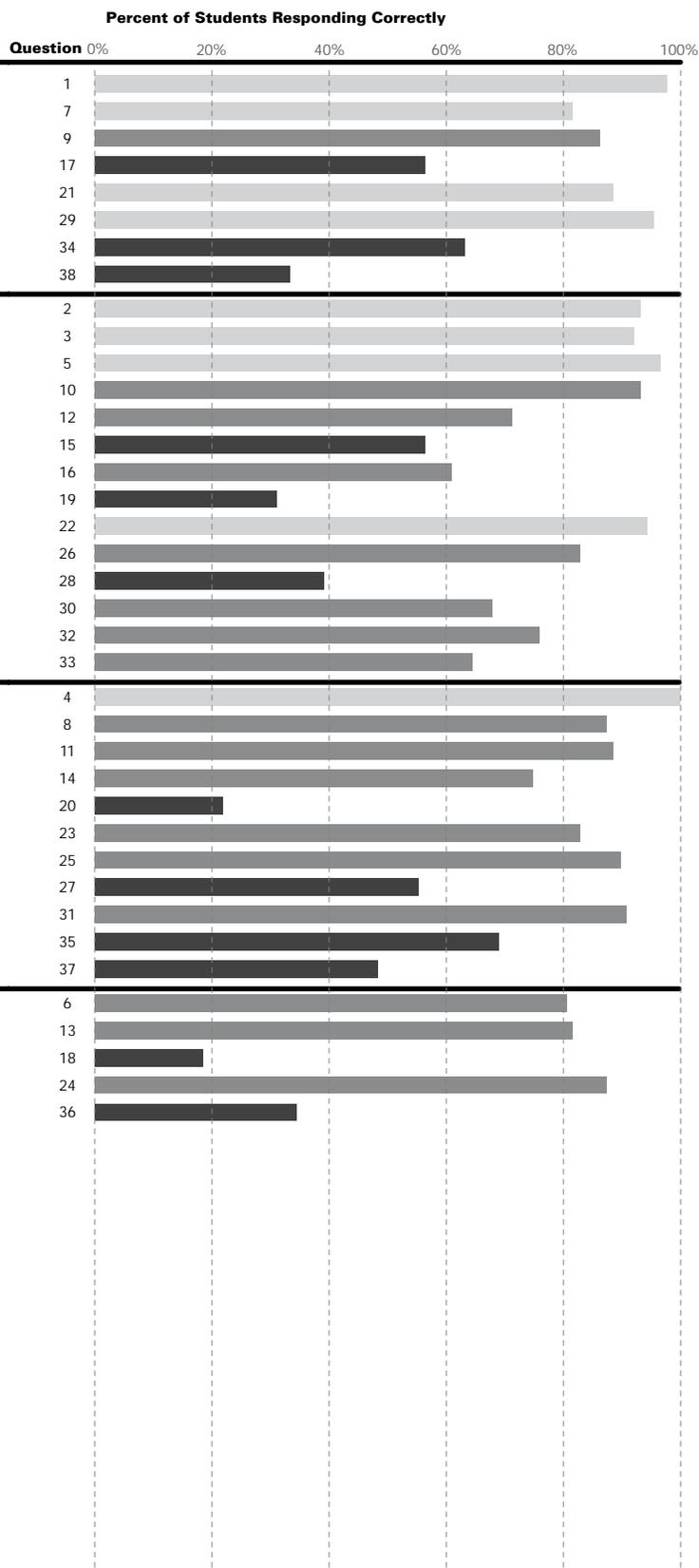
8.1 of 11 questions correct



## Data, Statistics, and Probability

Analyze data, understand descriptive statistics, make inferences and determine the likelihood that certain events will occur.

3.0 of 5 questions correct



# Mathematics Skill Analysis

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Group	Difficulty
<span style="color: blue;">x</span> Public	<span style="background-color: #e0e0e0; border: 1px solid #ccc; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> Easy (1-3)
<span style="color: blue;">G</span> State	<span style="background-color: #808080; border: 1px solid #ccc; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> Medium (4-6)
<span style="color: blue;">F</span> Nation	<span style="background-color: #404040; border: 1px solid #ccc; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px;"></span> Hard (7-9)

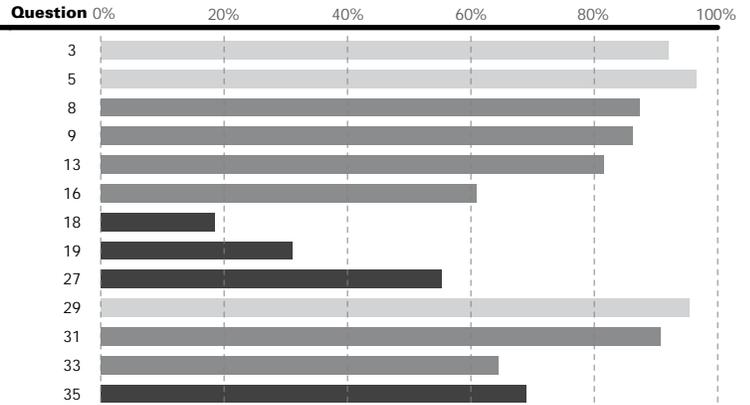
## Problem Solving

Solve abstract and practical problems, applying and adapting a variety of strategies. Monitor progress and evaluate answers in terms of questions asked.

9.3 of 13 questions correct



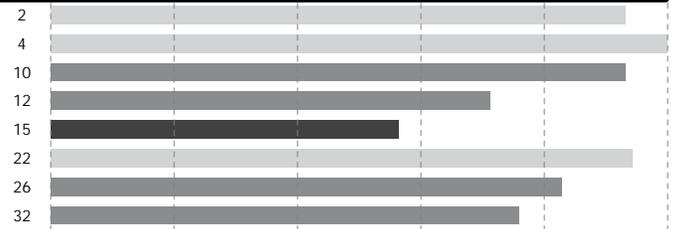
Percent of Students Responding Correctly



## Representation

Use and translate among representations including verbal, numerical, symbolic, and graphical to communicate mathematical ideas and solve problems.

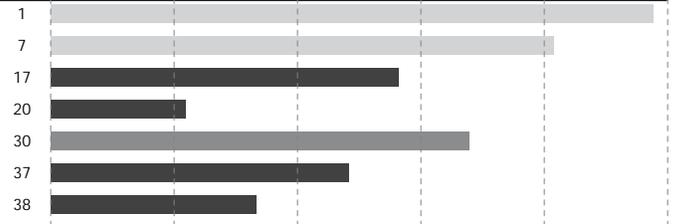
6.7 of 8 questions correct



## Reasoning

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

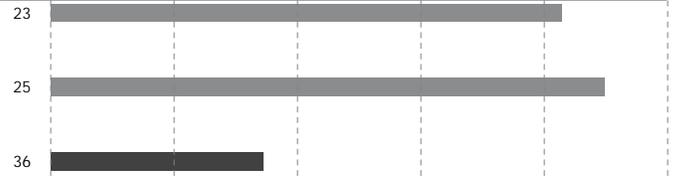
4.1 of 7 questions correct



## Connections

Connect ideas from different areas of mathematics (particularly geometry and algebra) to state or solve abstract or applied problems.

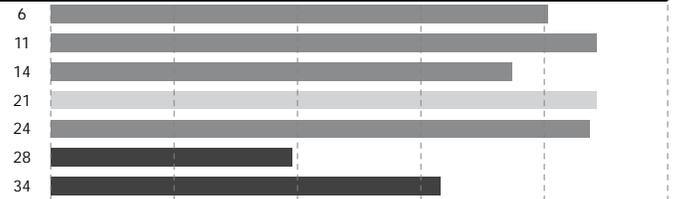
2.1 of 3 questions correct



## Communication

Express mathematical ideas precisely and communicate them coherently and clearly in the language and notation of mathematics.

5.2 of 7 questions correct



# Mathematics Question Analysis

This section shows the distribution of correct and incorrect answers for your students, state and nation.

Question	Difficulty	Group	Answer Data (% and correct answer in bold)						Answer Distribution						
			A	B	C	D	E	omitted	Correct Answer	20%	40%	60%	80%		
Section 2	1	2	Public	1	<b>98</b>	1	0	0	0		<b>B</b>				
	State	2	<b>96</b>	1	1	0	0	0							
	Nation	5	<b>89</b>	1	4	1	1	1							
	2	3	Public	<b>93</b>	7	0	0	0	0		<b>A</b>				<b>B</b>
	State	<b>93</b>	6	0	0	0	1								
	Nation	<b>84</b>	13	1	0	1	1								
	3	3	Public	2	1	<b>92</b>	2	1	1		<b>C</b>				<b>A D</b>
	State	2	2	<b>92</b>	2	1	1								
	Nation	8	3	<b>78</b>	3	4	4								
	4	2	Public	0	0	0	0	<b>100</b>	0		<b>E</b>				
	State	0	0	0	1	<b>99</b>	0								
	Nation	1	2	3	1	<b>93</b>	1								
	5	3	Public	<b>97</b>	2	0	0	1	0		<b>A</b>				<b>B</b>
	State	<b>96</b>	2	0	0	1	1								
	Nation	<b>79</b>	3	3	1	12	3								
	6	4	Public	2	3	<b>81</b>	1	9	3		<b>C</b>				<b>A B E</b>
	State	3	3	<b>80</b>	1	10	3								
	Nation	5	11	<b>67</b>	3	7	7								
	7	3	Public	7	<b>82</b>	6	2	2	1		<b>B</b>				<b>A C D E</b>
	State	7	<b>80</b>	7	2	2	1								
Nation	7	<b>68</b>	13	5	5	2									
8	4	Public	1	<b>87</b>	6	2	2	1		<b>B</b>				<b>C D E</b>	
State	1	<b>85</b>	7	2	3	1									
Nation	5	<b>66</b>	11	5	9	5									
9	4	Public	2	3	6	<b>86</b>	2	0		<b>D</b>				<b>A B C E</b>	
State	2	3	5	<b>87</b>	2	0									
Nation	5	4	10	<b>70</b>	6	6									
10	4	Public	3	1	2	<b>93</b>	0	0		<b>D</b>				<b>A C</b>	
State	5	1	2	<b>90</b>	0	1									
Nation	5	3	7	<b>72</b>	7	6									
11	5	Public	2	6	1	0	<b>89</b>	2		<b>E</b>				<b>A B</b>	
State	2	5	3	0	<b>86</b>	3									
Nation	8	8	9	5	<b>65</b>	6									
12	5	Public	3	8	<b>71</b>	6	5	7		<b>C</b>				<b>A B D E</b>	
State	3	9	<b>70</b>	7	4	6									
Nation	6	13	<b>54</b>	9	3	15									
13	5	Public	6	1	2	<b>82</b>	5	5		<b>D</b>				<b>A C E</b>	
State	6	1	2	<b>81</b>	5	4									
Nation	16	9	8	<b>54</b>	5	8									
14	5	Public	7	14	<b>75</b>	3	0	1		<b>C</b>				<b>A B D</b>	
State	9	13	<b>73</b>	3	0	2									
Nation	14	15	<b>55</b>	9	1	6									
15	7	Public	8	13	6	<b>56</b>	1	16		<b>D</b>				<b>A B C</b>	
State	7	15	6	<b>53</b>	3	15									
Nation	12	14	10	<b>32</b>	4	28									
16	6	Public	9	<b>61</b>	6	8	1	15		<b>B</b>				<b>A C D</b>	
State	13	<b>57</b>	6	9	1	14									
Nation	18	<b>31</b>	11	8	4	28									
17	8	Public	6	9	6	<b>56</b>	7	16		<b>D</b>				<b>A B C E</b>	
State	7	9	5	<b>55</b>	7	16									
Nation	6	10	11	<b>35</b>	13	26									
18	8	Public	16	16	10	16	<b>18</b>	23		<b>E</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	
State	16	15	12	16	<b>18</b>	23									
Nation	14	17	8	15	<b>11</b>	35									
19	8	Public	<b>31</b>	12	28	12	7	12		<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	
State	<b>30</b>	11	27	12	10	12									
Nation	<b>19</b>	12	24	9	11	27									
20	9	Public	24	13	<b>22</b>	24	7	10		<b>C</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	
State	25	15	<b>21</b>	22	7	10									
Nation	14	16	<b>20</b>	23	7	20									

# Mathematics Question Analysis

Section 4	Question	Difficulty	Group	Answer Data (% and correct answer in bold)						Answer Distribution				
				A	B	C	D	E	omitted	Correct Answer	20%	40%	60%	80%
				21	2	Public State Nation	0 0 1	1 1 2	2 2 3	7 6 13	<b>89</b> <b>89</b> <b>80</b>	1 1 1	<b>E</b>	
22	2	Public State Nation	2 2 5	1 1 2	1 1 2	<b>94</b> <b>95</b> <b>88</b>	1 1 3	0 0 0	<b>D</b>					<b>A</b>
23	4	Public State Nation	<b>83</b> <b>81</b> <b>70</b>	5 5 3	0 0 3	2 2 6	10 12 17	0 0 2	<b>A</b>					<b>B D E</b>
24	5	Public State Nation	0 0 3	10 11 18	0 0 4	<b>87</b> <b>87</b> <b>66</b>	2 2 8	0 0 1	<b>D</b>					<b>B E</b>
25	4	Public State Nation	5 5 11	<b>90</b> <b>88</b> <b>69</b>	1 1 7	1 1 3	3 3 6	0 1 4	<b>B</b>					<b>A E</b>
26	6	Public State Nation	<b>83</b> <b>80</b> <b>52</b>	10 11 18	1 2 12	2 3 7	0 0 3	3 4 8	<b>A</b>					<b>B D</b>
27	7	Public State Nation	<b>55</b> <b>52</b> <b>33</b>	9 10 12	12 13 10	2 2 8	13 13 13	9 11 24	<b>A</b>					<b>B C D E</b>
28	8	Public State Nation	14 15 15	<b>39</b> <b>38</b> <b>20</b>	13 12 14	13 12 16	2 4 7	20 19 28	<b>B</b>					<b>A C D E</b>

Section 4 — Student Produced Response	Question	Difficulty	Group	Answer Data					Answer Distribution					
				Correct Answer	%	Most Frequent Incorrect Answer	%	Other	omitted	Correct	20%	40%	60%	80%
				29	3	School State Nation	<b>56, 70 or 84</b>	95 95 82	72 72 14	1 1 2	2 2 12	1 2 5		
30	5	School State Nation	<b>24/5 or 4.8</b>	68 68 52	15 15 15	8 7 10	16 16 20	10 11 19						
31	4	School State Nation	<b>75</b>	91 88 62	25 25 80	3 4 5	6 7 24	0 0 10						
32	5	School State Nation	<b>20</b>	76 75 59	25 25 25	9 9 14	9 10 20	6 7 7						
33	6	School State Nation	<b>4/5 or .8</b>	64 63 39	2/5 2/5 2/5	5 4 6	20 20 37	12 13 19						
34	7	School State Nation	<b>1980</b>	63 62 36	1976 1976 1964	7 7 8	26 27 43	3 4 13						
35	7	School State Nation	<b>144</b>	69 68 30	288 288 288	12 13 25	10 10 26	9 10 20						
36	8	School State Nation	<b>1/2 or .5</b>	35 35 20	2/5 2/5 2/5	22 20 14	37 36 47	9 11 20						
37	8	School State Nation	<b>58</b>	48 48 21	59 59 28	22 20 8	22 23 48	8 9 23						
38	9	School State Nation	<b>7</b>	33 33 13	9 9 9	12 11 8	41 43 51	14 14 27						

# Mathematics Comparable Group Analysis

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Question	Difficulty	School (% correct)	Comp Group (% correct)	Difference between School and Comparable Group					
				-10%	-5%	0%	+5%	+10%	
1	2	<b>98</b>	95					}	
2	3	<b>93</b>	92					}	
3	3	<b>92</b>	92					}	
4	2	<b>100</b>	96					}	
5	3	<b>97</b>	92					}	
6	4	<b>81</b>	84		}				
7	3	<b>82</b>	87		}				
8	4	<b>87</b>	84		}				
9	4	<b>86</b>	86		}				
10	4	<b>93</b>	90		}				
11	5	<b>89</b>	86		}				
12	5	<b>71</b>	74		}				
13	5	<b>82</b>	77		}				
14	5	<b>75</b>	81	}					
15	7	<b>56</b>	51		}				
16	6	<b>61</b>	56		}				
17	8	<b>56</b>	45		}			}	
18	8	<b>18</b>	21		}				
19	8	<b>31</b>	31		}				
20	9	<b>22</b>	32	}					

Question	Difficulty	School (% correct)	Comp Group (% correct)	Difference between School and Comparable Group					
				-10%	-5%	0%	+5%	+10%	
21	2	<b>89</b>	90				}		
22	2	<b>94</b>	95				}		
23	4	<b>83</b>	88		}				
24	5	<b>87</b>	82					}	
25	4	<b>90</b>	86					}	
26	6	<b>83</b>	75					}	
27	7	<b>55</b>	56		}				
28	8	<b>39</b>	36		}				
29	3	<b>95</b>	93		}				
30	5	<b>68</b>	78	}					
31	4	<b>91</b>	86					}	
32	5	<b>76</b>	79		}				
33	6	<b>64</b>	67		}				
34	7	<b>63</b>	59		}			}	
35	7	<b>69</b>	61		}			}	
36	8	<b>35</b>	41		}				
37	8	<b>48</b>	43		}			}	
38	9	<b>33</b>	30		}			}	

Your students performed **significantly worse** on questions that fall in the dark blue column to the left, and **significantly better** on questions that fall in the light blue column to the right.

# Writing Skills Skill Analysis

The left column indicates how many questions your students answered correctly. The right column shows your students' performance on each question by skill category.

Group		Difficulty	
X	Public	■	Easy (1-3)
G	State	■	Medium (4-6)
F	Nation	■	Hard (7-9)

## Manage Word Choice and Grammatical Relationships Between Words

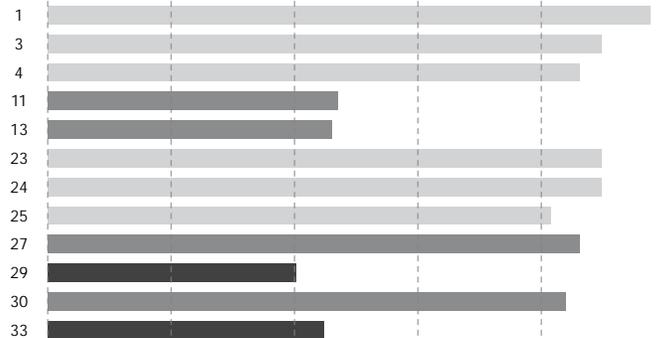
Understand relationships between and among words including subject-verb agreement, pronouns, and verb form and tense.

8.8 of 12 questions correct



Percent of Students Responding Correctly

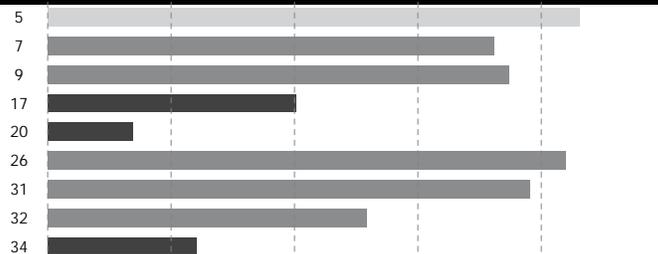
Question 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%



## Manage Grammatical Structures Used to Modify or Compare

Understand correct use of adjectives, adverbs, comparative structures (neither/nor), and phrases used to modify or compare.

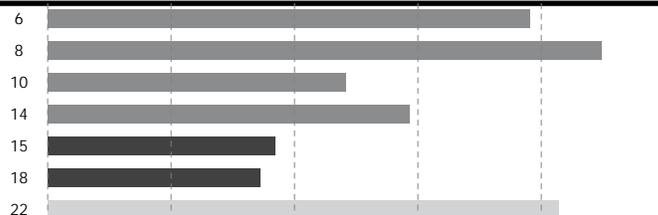
5.3 of 9 questions correct



## Manage Phrases and Clauses in a sentence

Use sentence structures (parallelism, connectives & relative clauses) to indicate relationships between & among sentence elements.

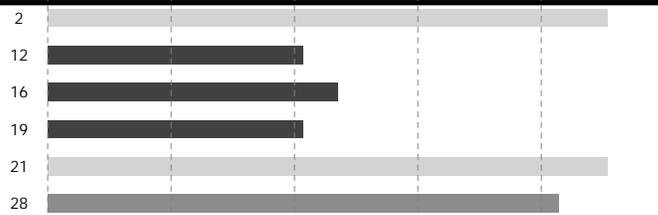
4.3 of 7 questions correct



## Recognize Correctly Formed Sentences

Recognize correct sentence structure.

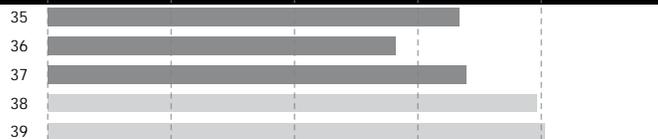
3.9 of 6 questions correct



## Manage Order and Relationships of Sentences and Paragraphs

Identify how to order the elements of a sentence or paragraph to improve clarity, meaning, and the progression of ideas.

3.5 of 5 questions correct



# Writing Skills Question Analysis

This section shows the distribution of correct and incorrect answers for your students, state and nation.

Question	Difficulty	Group	Answer Data (% and correct answer in bold)						Answer Distribution						
			A	B	C	D	E	omitted	Correct Answer	20%	40%	60%	80%		
Section 5	1	1	Public	1	0	1	0	<b>98</b>	0	E					
	State	1	0	1	0	<b>98</b>	0								
	Nation	2	0	2	1	<b>94</b>	0								
	2	2	Public	<b>91</b>	3	2	0	2	1	A	B C E				
	State	<b>92</b>	3	2	0	2	1								
	Nation	<b>81</b>	6	6	2	4	0								
	3	3	Public	2	<b>90</b>	2	2	2	1	B	A C D E				
	State	2	<b>90</b>	2	2	2	1								
	Nation	9	<b>81</b>	1	4	5	1								
	4	3	Public	6	0	<b>86</b>	3	5	0	C	A D E				
	State	5	0	<b>86</b>	3	5	0								
	Nation	10	3	<b>72</b>	4	10	1								
	5	3	Public	7	3	0	<b>86</b>	2	1	D	A B E				
	State	6	3	0	<b>86</b>	3	1								
	Nation	12	10	6	<b>67</b>	4	1								
	6	4	Public	0	<b>78</b>	1	10	10	0	B	D E				
	State	0	<b>77</b>	1	11	12	0								
	Nation	2	<b>61</b>	3	24	10	0								
	7	4	Public	24	0	3	0	<b>72</b>	0	E	A C				
	State	28	0	3	0	<b>69</b>	0								
Nation	21	2	7	2	<b>67</b>	1									
8	4	Public	7	1	<b>90</b>	2	0	0	C	A D					
State	6	1	<b>89</b>	2	1	0									
Nation	20	4	<b>67</b>	6	3	1									
9	5	Public	13	8	<b>75</b>	1	2	1	C	A B E					
State	15	9	<b>71</b>	2	2	1									
Nation	19	11	<b>57</b>	8	3	2									
10	5	Public	2	31	<b>48</b>	8	9	1	C	A B D E					
State	2	30	<b>49</b>	7	11	1									
Nation	3	30	<b>46</b>	13	7	1									
11	6	Public	21	15	0	17	<b>47</b>	0	E	A B D					
State	19	15	0	17	<b>49</b>	0									
Nation	19	16	2	19	<b>44</b>	1									
12	8	Public	<b>41</b>	36	2	10	9	1	A	B C D E					
State	<b>44</b>	33	3	11	9	1									
Nation	<b>35</b>	31	12	11	10	2									
13	6	Public	16	5	<b>46</b>	30	1	2	C	A B D					
State	16	4	<b>49</b>	28	1	2									
Nation	13	6	<b>33</b>	40	5	3									
14	6	Public	26	12	2	0	<b>59</b>	1	E	A B C					
State	27	11	3	0	<b>59</b>	1									
Nation	34	14	6	3	<b>43</b>	1									
15	8	Public	5	29	6	<b>37</b>	22	2	D	A B C E					
State	5	29	5	<b>38</b>	20	2									
Nation	16	31	7	<b>26</b>	18	3									
16	8	Public	<b>47</b>	0	13	2	37	1	A	C D E					
State	<b>49</b>	0	13	2	35	1									
Nation	<b>39</b>	4	22	8	25	2									
17	8	Public	35	7	12	<b>40</b>	5	2	D	A B C E					
State	37	6	11	<b>39</b>	4	2									
Nation	37	12	11	<b>31</b>	6	3									
18	8	Public	10	5	47	<b>35</b>	2	1	D	A B C E					
State	12	4	47	<b>34</b>	2	1									
Nation	14	10	46	<b>23</b>	5	2									
19	9	Public	<b>41</b>	10	37	6	5	1	A	B C D E					
State	<b>42</b>	12	36	5	4	1									
Nation	<b>18</b>	25	42	7	5	3									
20	9	Public	12	55	7	<b>14</b>	13	0	D	A B C E					
State	13	54	6	<b>15</b>	12	0									
Nation	14	51	8	<b>13</b>	11	3									



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1	1	<b>98</b>	97				}		
2	2	<b>91</b>	92				}		
3	3	<b>90</b>	88				}		
4	3	<b>86</b>	83				}		
5	3	<b>86</b>	80				}		
6	4	<b>78</b>	79				}		
7	4	<b>72</b>	75			}			
8	4	<b>90</b>	83				}		
9	5	<b>75</b>	69				}		
10	5	<b>48</b>	60	}					
11	6	<b>47</b>	51			}			
12	8	<b>41</b>	41			}			
13	6	<b>46</b>	47			}			
14	6	<b>59</b>	53			}			
15	8	<b>37</b>	39			}			
16	8	<b>47</b>	47			}			
17	8	<b>40</b>	42			}			
18	8	<b>35</b>	32			}			
19	9	<b>41</b>	30					}	
20	9	<b>14</b>	18			}			

Question	Difficulty	School (% correct)	Comp Group (% correct)	Difference between School and Comparable Group					
				-10%	-5%	0%	+5%	+10%	
21	2	<b>91</b>	93				}		
22	3	<b>83</b>	89			}			
23	3	<b>90</b>	90				}		
24	3	<b>90</b>	89				}		
25	3	<b>82</b>	85			}			
26	4	<b>84</b>	79				}		
27	4	<b>86</b>	83				}		
28	5	<b>83</b>	79				}		
29	7	<b>40</b>	46			}			
30	5	<b>84</b>	82				}		
31	5	<b>78</b>	73				}		
32	6	<b>52</b>	52			}			
33	7	<b>45</b>	44			}			
34	9	<b>24</b>	23			}			
35	5	<b>67</b>	67			}			
36	5	<b>56</b>	62			}			
37	5	<b>68</b>	66			}			
38	3	<b>79</b>	77			}			
39	3	<b>81</b>	80			}			

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## Appendix Listing of Schools

This report includes data from the schools below, and is based on the school list that was provided by your state.

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CRESCENT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL  
GLENCOE HIGH SCHOOL  
SOUTHRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL  
SPRAGUE HIGH SCHOOL  
SUNSET HIGH SCHOOL  
TIGARD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
TUALATIN HIGH SCHOOL  
WESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL