

Qualifying Scores for the Class of 2019 National Merit Semifinalists

High school juniors may qualify for National Merit Scholarships by receiving a high score on the PSAT taken in October of the junior year.

Juniors need a high selectivity index score in the 99 percentile range. Not all students in the 99 percentile range will be National Merit Semifinalists. Each state has a different cut off for the selection of National Merit Semifinalists.

The score is obtained from the total of three sections on the PSAT: the critical reading, math and writing scores. The highest score would be 240 (80+80+80=240) since each section of the PSAT ranges from 20 to 80 points.

QUALIFYING SCORES BY STATE ALABAMA 216 LOUISIANA 216 OKLAHOMA 216 ALASKA 216 OREGON 220 MAINE 215 ARIZONA 220 MARYLAND 222 PENNSYLVANIA 219 ARKANSAS 214 MASSACHUSETTS 222 RHODE ISLAND 217 CALIFORNIA 222 MICHIGAN 219 SOUTH CAROLINA 217 COLORADO 220 MINNESOTA 220 SOUTH DAKOTA 213 CONNECTICUT 221 MISSISSIPPI 213 TENNESSEE 218 DELAWARE 221 MISSOURI 217 TEXAS 221 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 223 MONTANA 214 UTAH 216 FLORIDA 219 NEBRASKA 215 VERMONT 217 GEORGIA 220 NEVADA 217 VIRGINIA 222 HAWAII 219 WASHINGTON 222 NEW HAMPSHIRE 217 IDAHO 216 NEW JERSEY 223 WEST VIRGINA 212 ILLINOIS 221 NEW MEXICO 215 WISCONSIN 217 INDIANA 219 NEW YORK 221 WYOMING 212 IOWA 216 NORTH CAROLINA 219 INTERNATIONAL KANSAS 219 NORTH DAKOTA 212 **NEW ENGLAND** BOARDING SCHOOLS KENTUCKY 217 OHIO 219