

2018 SAT Challenge Report



The **intent** of the **Montana SAT Challenge** is to identify and recognize academically talented seventh and eighth grade students who reason well mathematically, read critically and express themselves well in a self-developed written essay. Through the SAT Challenge, seventh and eighth grade students who exhibit strong academic aptitude are eligible to take the **SAT Test** designed normally to be taken by college bound eleventh and twelfth graders. Performance on this test forms the basis for providing academic program counseling and offering opportunities for advanced/accelerated learning.

This year 48 Montana students entered the **SAT Challenge** competition. Forty-two of these students are being honored and will be recipients of a certificate and medal. Refer to the MT AGATE website <http://www.mtagate.org/sat-challenge.html> for a list of 2018 medal and certificate winners.

The three high scorers in each subtest section (reading/writing, math, and total) will be presented with a \$350.00 scholarship to be used to further their summer academic/enrichment interests. Refer to the MT AGATE website <http://www.mtagate.org/sat-challenge.html> for a PowerPoint which displays a photo and bio for each of the scholarship recipients.

Scholarship winners for 2017-18 are:

Area	Name	City/State	Grade Level
Reading/Writing	Griffin Kinch	Missoula, MT	8
Reading/Writing	Benjamin Pickens	Dillon, MT	8
Reading/Writing	Lucy Lantz	Helena, MT	8
Math	Finnley Goss	Missoula, MT	8
Math	Sean Rody	Frenchtown, MT	8
Math	Julia Martin	Columbia Falls, MT	8
Total	Everett Smith	Missoula, MT	8
Total	Cael Koentopp	Bozeman, MT	7
Total	Joseph Johns	Bozeman, MT	8

I am repeatedly asked about the highest scores for each of the categories. I may share that the

Highest reading/writing score exceeded **710**

Highest math score exceeded **740**

Highest total score exceeded **1450**

The **SAT** is designed to be used by college bound juniors and seniors and assumes that these students are currently involved in course of study preparing them for college work. For middle school/junior high students, **SAT** is a radically “off-level test”.

For students from your community who may have scored below the cut-off scores, this should not cause them high concern since they are taking this test long before they might do so. The average depending upon the year for high school juniors/seniors is about 500 on the subtests. The average score for this year’s **SAT Challenge participants** is **540** reading/writing, **533** math, and **1073** total and for the **SAT Challenge winners** **556** reading/writing, **549** math, and total is **1105**. On a side note:

- 10 students qualified for **one** category
- 2 students qualified for **two** categories
- 30 students qualified for **three** categories
- 77% of the students qualified in **reading/writing**
- 73% of the students qualified in **math**
- 67% of the students qualified in **total**

It is important to remember that as **SAT Challenge** students you represent the ablest **10%** of the students for your age and grade. For those students who did not receive monetary scholarship awards – or for those who took **SAT I Test** – but did not make it as a medal/certificate winner - participating in the **SAT Challenge** is an accomplishment in itself. Please convey this message to all participants of the SAT Challenge.

Each student winner who participated in the **SAT Challenge** will receive an interpretive guide to help explain the results of the test so that parents and students may see how they compare to other Montana seventh and eighth graders. If you would like an electronic copy of the **Interpretive Guide**, please contact SAT Challenge Administrator.

Students, parents and educators - thank you for supporting academics.

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