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Setting a Score Target

By now, you already know that your GMAT score is vital for getting into business school.

This leads most people to this important question: **how high does your GMAT score need to be?**

Having a concrete target GMAT score is really important. It gives us a goal to aim for and helps us track our progress during our study time.

Your score target needs to be different from everyone else's, because you have different goals from them. You need your own score target to aim for, based on data.

In this guide, we'll teach you how to research what your score target needs to be.

Instructions

Your GMAT score target really depends on what schools **you** want to apply to. We've created a worksheet to guide you through the process. I highly recommend you print out the next page before going further.



First, fill in the business schools you want to get into on the left.

For each school, we're going to find out what GMAT scores their most recent incoming classes got. Find the most recent incoming class profile. You can usually find this on a school's admissions page.

Once you find the average GMAT scores of the incoming classes of each of your desired schools, list the scores in the right column. A few schools only list the middle 80% range of the scores of their incoming class. In these cases, list the highest score in the range to stay on the safe side.

Next, write the highest score your list in the right column under 'Highest Score.'

Finally, to get to your final GMAT score target, I recommend you add 20-30 points to the highest score in your list to give yourself some security. This number will be your GMAT Score Target.