

## **Understanding your PSAT Score**

- The following video will help in understanding what your scores mean <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ie6">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ie6</a>
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- See the College Board website for more information <a href="https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.">https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.</a> <a href="org/psat-nmsqt-psat-">org/psat-nmsqt-psat-</a> <a href="mailto:10/scores/understanding-scores">10/scores/understanding-scores</a>

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ie6WBDzjtGA&feature=youtu.be

Or via College Board website;

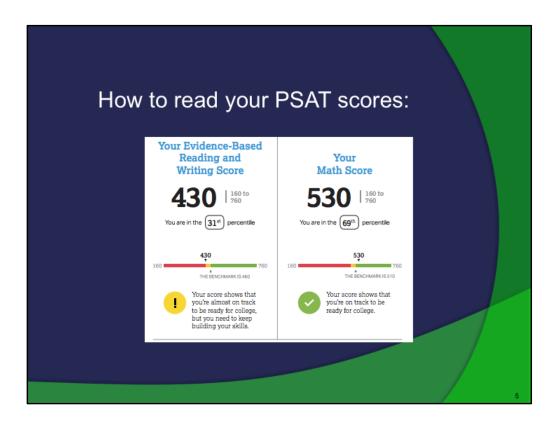
https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores/understanding-scores

# Visiting the College Board website

- To create a College Board account
  - Log onto: studentscores.collegeboard.org
- If you entered an email when you took the PSAT, use that email to create your account
- You can only have 1 account-make sure you do not have duplicate accounts
- Once you are into your account, you can see a more detailed score report

College Board is the owner of the PSAT, SAT, and all AP testing- if you have not already, you will want to create an account and remember your login. You will need this account to view future scores and to share SAT scores with college you apply to.

ALERT! If somehow you have 2 accounts, none of this will work. Make sure you don't already have an account created If you can't log in-contact the College Board

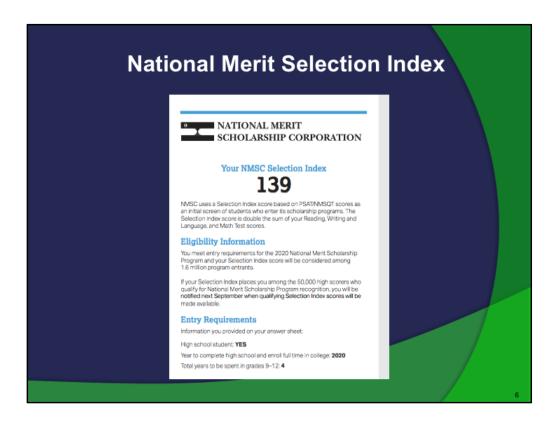


These scores are guidelines on where to focus future efforts.

Red=Almost on track to be ready for college but still need to keep building skills Yellow- Approaching benchmark, but not quite on track for college readiness. Green-On track or exceeding the benchmark to be ready for college

Total score: The PSAT and SAT are on the same scale (1600)- this score show how you would have scored that day on the SAT.

The percentile scores show how you scored compared to your peers across the nation. For instance, this student scored as well or better than 31% in Reading and Writing and as well or better than  $69^{\%}$  of her nationally ranked peers in math. For more of your specific percentile's, you'll want to log onto your online score report.

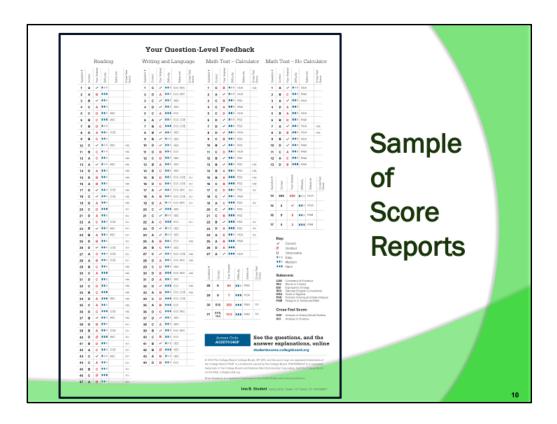


The National Merit Scholarship Corporation looks at the PSAT scores of 1.6 million Juniors across the nation to determine the top 50,000 high scorers.

If you are a Junior and your score qualifies you for the scholarship, you will find out more information in September when we start back to school and will work with your counselor to apply for the scholarship.

The Selection Index score is the double sum of the reading text, the writing and language test, and math test scores.

If you have an asterisk next to your score, it means that you do not meet entry requirements for the scholarship



This document breaks down your scores based on how many total questions you got correct, incorrect, or omitted and are broken down by reading, writing/language, and math with and without a calculator.

It also details the level of difficulty of each question.



# **Next Steps**

### Freshmen and Sophomores

- You will take the PSAT again next year.
- Use the study tool linked with Khan Academy to improve your score.

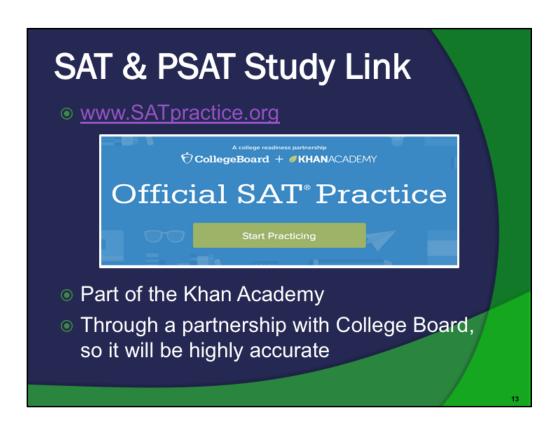
#### Juniors

- Take advantage of the free SAT study tools
- Sign up for the SAT and/or the ACT online
- Consider taking a test twice for colleges that might Superscore

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We recommend for students to take a college entrance exam (SAT/ACT) in the spring of Junior year. Dates above show the timelines of testing and registration dates. For Freshmen & Sophomores: just so they can see how often the test is given to plan for next year

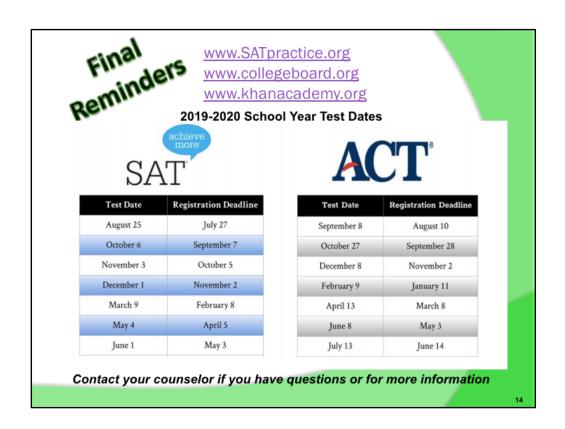


Students are encouraged to:

Access the SAT practice website and

Access Khan Academy – online study tools

Research shows that studying and practicing for 20 hours is associated with an average score gain of 115 points from the PSAT to the SAT. This is nearly double the average score gain compared to students who do not use Khan academy (CB).



SAT and ACT 2019-20 Test Dates
Talk with your counselor or Mrs. Krochmanly for more help
If you took the test but did not receive a copy of your score report, please see Ms.
Porter in the Counseling Center