

# Understanding PSAT Results and Next Steps

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# BREAKING IT DOWN

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Your Total Score (Range from 320 to 1520)

- Half of this score comes from Reading & Writing
- Half of this score comes from Math

Section Scores (Each ranges from 160-760)

You have two Scaled Section Scores

- Evidence-Based Reading & Writing Score (Range is 160-760)
- Math Score (Range 160-760)

# PERCENTILES

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- Your ranking, compared to other test takers across the country in Grade 11
- Example: If you score in the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile, you scored higher than 75 percent of test takers across the nation

# NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION SELECTION INDEX

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- One score that can range from 48 to 228
- Determines who qualifies for the National Merit Scholarship

(For those of you who want the details, you add up your three section test scores and multiply by 2)

Very hard to qualify for this award – don't sweat it!

SO DID I PASS? HOW DID I DO?

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The PSAT is not a pass or fail test!



# WHAT MAKES A “GOOD” SCORE IS SUBJECTIVE

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1. “Good” could mean you scored higher than 50% of test takers
2. “Good” could mean you qualify for the National Merit Scholarship
3. “Good” could mean you received scores equal or higher to those of accepted students at the colleges or universities you are hoping to attend

# NEXT STEPS...

## THE COLLEGE BOARD'S WEBSITE

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- Create your CollegeBoard account – [Go to collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)
- View your complete PSAT results report
  - (Access code is on your score report)

# GET READY!

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- You need to be mentally prepared! You can do this.



# KHAN ACADEMY FREE, PERSONALIZED SAT PREP!

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## [SIGN UP FOR KHAN ACADEMY!](#)

- Step 1: Go to Khan Academy and click “Start your Free Practice”
- Step 2: Join Khan Academy and connect through Google or Email (or sign into existing account)
- Step 3: When prompted, agree to link Khan Academy to Collegeboard account
- Step 4: Log in to Collegeboard account and click “Send” to get a personalized practice plan!

**\*\*If you did not take the PSAT complete the pre -assessment on Khan Academy \*\***

# WHAT ABOUT “SAT OPTIONAL” SCHOOLS?

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- Some colleges and universities have become “SAT Optional” – in other words you can submit SAT scores, or you can choose not to.
- No “Black and White” rule about when to send or NOT to send SAT scores
- It may benefit you NOT to send SAT scores if they are low but GPA is high
- Certain colleges/majors/scholarships may require them
- If you are not sure, speak with your School Counselor....

# OTHER IMPORTANT STANDARDIZED TEST INFO:

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- ACT can be taken in addition to or in place of the SAT
- Some colleges also require SAT Subject Tests in addition to SAT/ACT

# SAT REGISTRATION

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Register for the SAT on [Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)

Consider March, May, June, August

**This is your responsibility but we are here to help if you need it!**

Note: The SAT is NOT a free test

Fee waivers available from Guidance if you qualify

# NEXT STEPS CONTINUED....

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## NAVIANCE

- Complete “Assessments” under the Careers tab to figure out career path
- Research colleges and start your list of “Colleges I’m Thinking About”



# RESOURCES

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- [SAT Question of the Day App](#)
- [Khan Academy](#)
- [Understanding your Scores](#)
- [Understanding your Scores \(Spanish\)](#)
- [GLTHS Naviance](#)

# QUESTIONS?

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