

PSAT Night

A Parent's Guide to Understanding Their Child's Score



Intro Video From College Board

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzCSlilL3WQ>

Why Take The Test?

- Makes students eligible for dual (college and high school) credit enrollment
- Shows there is no need for remedial classes
- Makes students eligible for scholarships
- Shows strengths/weaknesses of student
- When linked with Khan, it creates personalized practice to help students improve before they take the SAT
- Predicts how they will do in college
- Shows if students are meeting the college and career readiness benchmarks

Dual Credit/Predictor of Success in Advanced Placement Classes

- This test predicts success in Advanced Placement (**AP**) courses.
- This test predicts how well a student will perform within a college course. 75% likelihood of achieving a course grade of C or better.
- Students who are trying to get into a prestigious university should take Advanced Placement (**AP**) courses..
- We have students who leave HHS with 30 college credits through dual credit classes. These are much less expensive than taking these course as a college freshman.
- Make a plan!

No Need for Remedial Classes

PSAT Cut Score

Critical Reading-21

Math- 23

- If students meet the cut scores, they do not have to take the Accuplacer Test in high school.
- If students don't meet the cut score for the Accuplacer, they will have to take remedial classes in college (and parents will have to pay for the remedial classes). The state is requiring these course be taken at Ivy Tech.

Eligibility for Scholarships

- This test qualifies juniors for the National Merit Scholarship. The National Merit[®] Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955.
- \$2500, corporate-sponsored scholarships, college-sponsored scholarships,
- Students take the test starting in eighth grade, and every year they can see the areas where they need to improve in order to get a better score as a junior (the year NMSQT uses for its scholarship criteria).

Shows Strengths/Weaknesses

- The breakdown on the score report will show where students are being successful and where they need to improve.
- The report has every single question, what the student answered, what the correct answer was, what the benchmark was, the difficulty of the question, the specific type of question (i.e. heart of Algebra, problem-solving, Advanced Math, etc.).
- We have helped students link their College Board accounts with the Khan Academy. **Why?** The Khan Academy has created an individualized plan for each student to target the areas where they need to improve. **WOW!**

Student Score Meaning and Meeting College/Career Readiness Benchmarks

SAT[®] Scores and Subscores

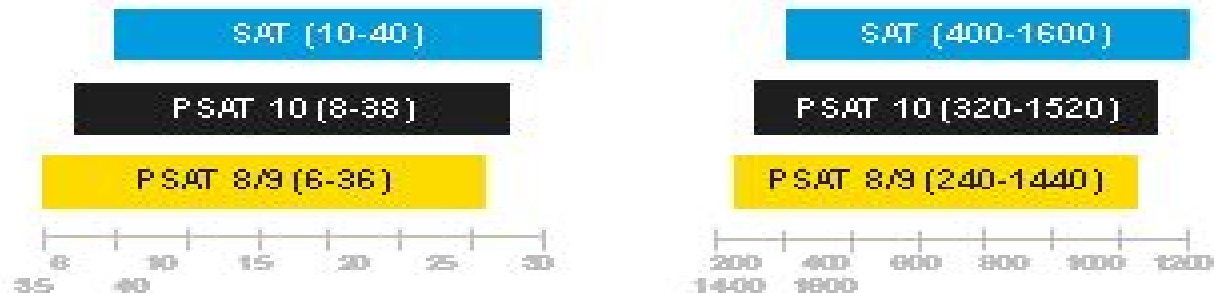


Longitudinal Progress Monitoring

Section Scores are placed on a vertical scale.



The same concept holds true for the **Test, Cross-Test Scores** and **Total Score**.



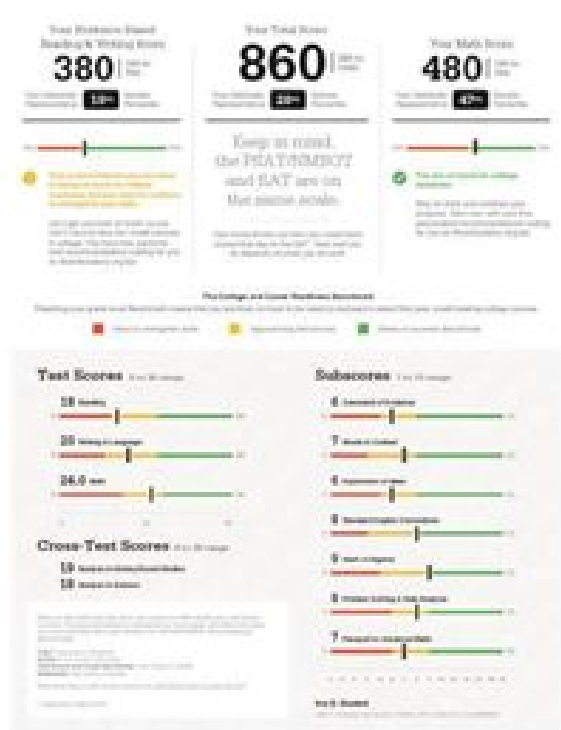
SAT® College and Career Readiness Benchmarks

- 75% likelihood of earning at least a C in a first-semester, credit-bearing college course in a related subject
- Set at section level
- Overall college and career readiness is defined as achieving both of the section-level benchmarks on a given assessment.
- Grade-level benchmarks are based on expected student growth toward the SAT Benchmarks:

	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	SAT	
Section Level	▶ 390	410	430	460	480	ERW
	▶ 430	450	480	510	530	MATH

What's on the report?

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/understanding-psat-nmsqt-results-parent-tutorial-2016.pdf>



Worth Repeating! When College Board is Linked with the Khan Academy, It Creates Personalized Practice. WOW!

- Provides individualized instruction for students to enhance skills necessary to perform well on the exam.
- College Board has done research that shows that students who complete **9 hours** of practice (total), their scores will improve on the PSAT/SAT.
- **The Khan Academy is FREE tutoring!**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VINE0McmnYg>
- If students practice for the test-it will carry over to their classes (thus, improving their grades and GPAs).

Using Khan from a Student Perspective

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hopq0lq-qu4>



How do I access Khan?

- [Khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)
- Cool Tool link on the School City of Hobart's website
- Youtube Khan academy
- Download the Khan Academy App

What's Your Plan as a Parent

- Make sure your child is using Khan Academy at home!
- Download the Khan Academy App!
- Have your child take the practice tests (there are six!) on Khan Academy (this will build stamina!)
- Make sure your child completes nine hours of practice before April 5th!

And then..... All summer - Practice makes perfect!