



Lesson Plan: Understanding PSAT-Related Assessment Scores

Classroom/Group Guidance Activity (Optional)

Grades 10 and 11

Time Required: 50 minutes

The PSAT/NMSQT[®] makes it easy for students to show their best work and helps them get ready for college-level courses. Like all tests in the SAT[®] Suite of Assessments, the PSAT/NMSQT produces scores and data reports that give you useful information about individual student performance, including the predicted SAT score for each student and how they're progressing toward the college readiness benchmark.

This lesson plan is designed to help you review PSAT/NMSQT scores and reports with your students. It's particularly useful if your students log in to their College Board online accounts to get hands-on experience as you lead them through the online reports and resources.

Student Objectives

1. Students will view their scores in one of two ways:
 - a. By accessing their online score reports through their College Board accounts to understand their scores and each section of the report.
 - b. By reviewing their paper score reports to understand their scores and each section of the report.
2. Students will be introduced to Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy[®] to connect them to personalized practice resources for the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT.

Before You Begin

Determine whether students will review their online or paper score reports.

- To review scores online, students need to log in to or create a College Board account.
- To review scores using paper score reports, you'll need to give each student a copy of their report.

Materials Needed

To view online score reports, students need:

- A computer or smartphone with an internet connection to access their accounts at collegeboard.org.
- An email address to create a free College Board account or to get help logging in.

Counselor resource: [Tour the Online Student Score Report](#)

To review paper score reports, use the following counselor resource:

- [Sample PSAT/NMSQT Score Report and Summary](#)

To share information about Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy, use the following flyer:

- [How to Link Your College Board and Khan Academy Accounts](#)

Steps

1. Make sure students have access to their online or paper score report.
2. Review [the purpose of PSAT-related assessments](#) and how they benefit students' academic preparation and college success.
3. Share the video [Understanding Your PSAT/NMSQT Score Report](#).
4. Using an online or paper score report, show students where they'll find their **scores** and what they mean, and give them information about **percentiles** and **college readiness benchmarks**.
5. Identify the **Skills Insight** section and explain how it shows student strengths and recommends steps to improve skills.
6. Go over the **Questions and Answers** section (with online answer explanations) and explain how it helps identify patterns of incorrect answer choices.
7. Provide information about **AP Potential™** and how it identifies the AP® courses students are likely to succeed in.
8. Tell students about [Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy](#). If students are viewing their online score reports, show them how to connect their Khan Academy and College Board accounts to get personalized practice recommendations:
 - a. Visit satpractice.org to create an account and log in to Khan Academy.
 - b. Click the button that asks if they want to connect their accounts.
 - c. Go to collegeboard.org, log in, and click **Send** to connect accounts and send their test scores to Khan Academy.

Supplemental Resources for Counselors

Learn more about [PSAT/NMSQT scores](#)

Lesson plan/presentation: [Using Your PSAT/NMSQT Scores to Increase College Readiness](#)

Educator brief: [Supporting Students Using Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy](#)

Key Topics	Counselor Quick Notes
SAT Suite of Assessments	<p>The SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT™ 10, and PSAT™ 8/9 make up the College Board's SAT Suite of Assessments.</p> <p>The tests work together to measure college readiness over time and connect students to opportunities such as scholarships, free practice, fee waivers, and AP courses.</p>
PSAT-Related Assessments	<p>PSAT-related assessments include the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9. Each test measures the same skills and knowledge in grade-appropriate ways. The tests work together to give consistent feedback for measuring student progress over time, and are</p>

	excellent practice for the SAT.
Purpose and Benefits	<p>The SAT Suite of Assessments opens the door to college, helps students build skills over time, connects them with free practice on Khan Academy and scholarship opportunities, and helps identify students who are likely to succeed in AP courses and on AP Exams.</p> <p>The SAT is accepted at all U.S. colleges and is an important part of the college application process.</p>
Scores	<p>Each test in the SAT Suite shows a total score, section scores, test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores.</p> <p>These scores show how students performed in specific areas, allowing you to help them focus on the areas they need to improve.</p>
Percentiles	A percentile is a number from 1 to 99 that shows students how they rank compared to other students. It represents the percentage of students whose scores fall at or below their score.
Benchmarks	<p>SAT college and career readiness benchmarks are the SAT scores students need to meet or exceed to be ready for college and career.</p> <p>Grade-level benchmarks are the scores on PSAT-related assessments students need to meet or exceed to be on track for college and career readiness.</p>
Skills Insight	Skills Insight™ allows students to dig deeper into what their scores say about their skills and offers suggestions for how to develop those skills.
AP Potential	AP Potential uses test performance to identify the AP courses students are likely to succeed in.
Khan Academy	Khan Academy , a leader in online education, has partnered with the College Board to offer free Official SAT Practice to all students. When students create and connect their College Board and Khan Academy accounts, all their SAT Suite test scores will be used to design a free, personalized practice plan just for them.

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