

# Understanding Your Freshman PSAT Results

## I have my PSAT scores, now what?

1. You must create a **College Board** account! Go to [studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://studentscores.collegeboard.org)
2. Upload your PSAT scores into **Khan Academy**. Go to [khanacademy.org/sat](http://khanacademy.org/sat)
3. All freshman will be scheduled to meet with their **school counselor** to discuss their course selections for next year and to review individual PSAT results. This meeting will take place sometime between March-April.
4. Keep reading this handout to learn more about how to interpret your PSAT results and next steps!

## Why do I need to create a College Board account?

*You need a College Board account to...*

- view your online PSAT score report - refer to your **access code** located on your score report
- register for the SAT and/or SAT Subject Tests
- send future test scores to colleges
- access valuable FREE academic skills and SAT test preparation resources, such as **Khan Academy!**

**How did I do?** The PSAT 8/9 is on a scale of 240-1440. Your score report indicates your overall Reading and Writing score and overall Math score (both sections are on a scale of 120-720). Your Total PSAT score is the sum of these two scores, therefore the highest total score that a student can earn is a 1440. Remember, test scores are NOT reported to colleges – the PSAT is a *practice* test only!

**How do my scores compare to others?** Your percentile rank indicates how your test scores compares to other freshmen (*nationally*) who took the PSAT. For example, a percentile rank of 47% indicates that a student scored as well or better than 47% of a nationally representative group of freshmen. In 2015, the national average Total PSAT score for freshmen was 866. For **Hall freshmen**, the average PSAT score in Reading and Writing was a 492; Math a 477; and a Total PSAT score of 969.

**How can I improve my test scores?** Your score report identifies your current academic strengths and areas that need improvement. If you view your *online* score report, you can see additional information regarding how you performed on each section of the test and suggestions on how to improve. With time and preparation, you can improve your academic skills and future test scores. READ, READ, READ and work hard in your classes – this is the best way to improve your academic skills needed for future test taking.

**When do I take the SAT for real?** Not until your junior year! You will take the PSAT in the fall of your sophomore and junior years – this means that there will be multiple opportunities for you to practice for the SAT.

*Create your **College Board** account and upload your scores to **Khan Academy** today!!!*