

Understanding Your Junior PSAT Results

I have my PSAT scores, now what?

1. You must create a **College Board** account as soon as possible! Go to studentscores.collegeboard.org
2. Upload your PSAT scores into **Khan Academy**. Go to khanacademy.org/sat
3. All juniors will be scheduled to meet with their **school counselor** to develop an individualized plan for SAT/ACT preparation and college/career planning. This meeting will take place between January-March.
4. Keep reading this handout to learn more about how to interpret your PSAT results and to prepare for the SAT!

Why do I need to create a College Board account?

You need a College Board account to...

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

How did I do? The Junior PSAT is on a scale of 320-1520. Your score report indicates your overall Reading and Writing score and overall Math score (both sections are on a scale of 160-760). Your Total PSAT score is the sum of these two scores, therefore the highest total score that a student can earn is a 1520. Remember, test scores are NOT reported to colleges – the PSAT is a *practice* test only!

How will I do on the SAT? The PSAT and SAT are on the same scale, therefore if you had taken the SAT instead of the PSAT on the same test date, you would have received equivalent scores. With time and preparation, you can improve your future test scores.

How do my scores compare to others? Your percentile rank indicates how your test scores compares to other juniors (*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 juniors. In 2015, the national average Total PSAT score was 1008. For **Hall juniors**, the average PSAT score in Reading and Writing was a 568; Math a 547; and a Total PSAT score of 1115.

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. By **uploading** your scores into **Khan Academy**, you will also be provided with a *personalized* study plan and SAT practice questions and tests – for FREE!

When do I take the SAT for real? Most juniors take the SAT for the first time sometime this March-June and often once more in the fall of their senior year. This year, all juniors are *required* to take the SAT (in lieu of the SBAC) on **Wednesday, March 2nd**. SAT scores from the March 2nd test date can be sent to colleges, if desired.

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