



Dear parents,

Our 11th grade students took The PSAT/NMSQT test on October 19th. The PSAT/NMSQT measures the knowledge and skills that research shows are the most essential for college and career readiness and success.

The student score report is ready. Students view their online score reports via <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/scores> . Students will receive paper score reports on Thursday 12/15/2016.

The student score report is designed to both clearly summarize the student's current achievement levels and to help guide and encourage appropriate next steps to increase college and career readiness.

For more details regarding PSAT/NMSQT Scores please check out the webinar https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzQ_90fOxeM

When your students get their PSAT/NMSQT scores, the first thing they'll see in the student portal is their total score—a combination of their scores on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section and Math section.

As you look through the reports with your students, here is some information you will want to share:

Check-in: On Track for College Readiness?

* Grade-level benchmarks allow students to understand how students are progressing toward college readiness.

* Use benchmark attainment, provided for each section score, to have a conversation with your students about college readiness and the sort of continued work they need to start doing now to prepare for college success.

* If you have a student who is right on track, remind that student to continue to take rigorous courses and work hard to stay on track.

* If you have a student who is not meeting the benchmark, connect the student to classroom work that is focused on areas of weakness, and connect the student with Khan Academy® <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat> to supplement this work.

Evaluate relative strengths and weaknesses:

- * Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores provide an opportunity to evaluate a student’s relative strengths and weaknesses and highlight specific opportunities to strengthen the student’s college readiness skills.
- * Use the red/yellow/green coding on test scores and subscores to evaluate how your student is performing relative to other students who are meeting/exceeding the benchmark.
- * Highlight the areas in green as the student’s strengths.
- * Prioritize the areas that are furthest into the red for additional instruction and deliberate practice.

Define next steps—actions to support skills:

- * The “Your Scores: Next Steps” page identifies the specific skills that the student should address.
- * Work with your student to identify activities that could be used to develop each of the skills identified for focus and improvement.
- * Encourage your student to go online for more details, and link the student’s College Board account to Khan Academy to strengthen skills and to evaluate progress against the skills listed.

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about/benefits/khan-academy-practice>