

# PSAT Review

**Essential Goal:** Review PSAT scores and gain an understanding of areas of strengths and weaknesses.

**Materials:** Teacher hand out for review; PSAT Score sheet and student test booklet

**SELs:** Self awareness

**Procedure:**

Pass out student answer sheet with their test booklet. They can keep both. Please review the following information:

## YOUR SCORES

- At the top of the **Your Scores**, the students will see three main categories (Reading and Writing, Math, and their Total Score) with their scores in bold.
  - They are reported on a scale of 160 to 760, with Total Scores ranging from 320 to 1520.
  - Your scores also refer to the College and Career Readiness Benchmark.
    - Red – Need to strengthen skills
    - Yellow – Approaching Benchmark
    - Green – Meet or exceed Benchmark

## YOUR SCORE RANGES

- No test measures precisely what someone knows, and many factors can affect results. That is why test makers think of each score as a range that extends from a few points below to a few points above the score earned.
  - Ranges give students another way to think about their scores. It shows how much they would likely vary if they took the PSAT/SAT a number of times without any new learning.

## YOUR PERCENTILES

- Also point out to students the **national percentile**.
  - This helps students compare their performance on the PSAT to other sophomores in the country.
  - For example if your Sample Percentile is 68th in Reading and Writing, then you would have scored as well as or better than 68 percent of a nationally representative group of sophomores.

## **NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLASHIP PROGRAM**

- At the top of the page on the right hand side, students will find a National Merit Selection index. This number is calculated by doubling the sum of their Reading Test, Writing and Language Test, and Math Test.
- This index is used by National Merit Scholarship Corporation to designate students to be recognized in its National Merit Scholarship Program.
  - Sophomores do not meet entry requirements for the 2018 National Merit Program.
  - To be eligible, students must take the PSAT again in 2017 (when they are juniors)

## **YOUR SCORES: NEXT STEPS**

- **Your Skills** helps direct students to better understand their score so that they can focus their study efforts in the future before they take the SAT.
  - Your score may indicate that you are already able to interpret a linear inequality but may need to improve your skills in determining how a graph may be affected by a change to its equation.
  - If they are interested in learning about suggestions for improvement, they can visit [www.studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://www.studentscores.collegeboard.org)

## **YOUR ANSWERS**

- **Your Answers** shows students exactly which questions they answered correctly or incorrectly. Feel free to let students compare their score report to their booklet.
  - Not only does it provide them with their answer, but it shows them the difficulty of that particular question (easy, medium or hard)
  - Students can use their online score report to review the questions they answered incorrectly or omitted, and to see detailed answer explanations.

## **ONLINE SCORE REPORT**

- Students can access their full report online at [studentscores.collegeboard.org](http://studentscores.collegeboard.org)
- Students will need to type in the Access Code found on the cover of their score report highlighted in blue.

**Closure:** Please emphasize the tools that are available to them at the website and with the Bridges program.