Lesson Plan: Understanding PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 Scores

Classroom/Group Guidance Activity

Grades 10 and 11   Time Required: 50 minutes

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 reports.
   - To review scores online, students need to log in 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 studentscores.collegeboard.org
   - An email address to create a free College Board account or to get help logging in.
   - **Tour the Online Student Score Report**

To review paper score report:
   - **Sample PSAT/NMSQT Score Report and Summary**
   - **Sample Paper PSAT 10 Score Report and Summary**

To share Khan Academy Practice Information:
   - **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 Scores**.

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.

9. Tell students about the College Board Career Finder exploration tool that explores careers and majors that align with their interest. They can also hear from people with different jobs and backgrounds, and create and share a personalized plan.

10. The College Board National Recognition Programs are academic honors that can be included on college applications. Colleges can use them to identify academically exceptional students.

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**