

# Increasing Equity and Access to College Readiness Exams

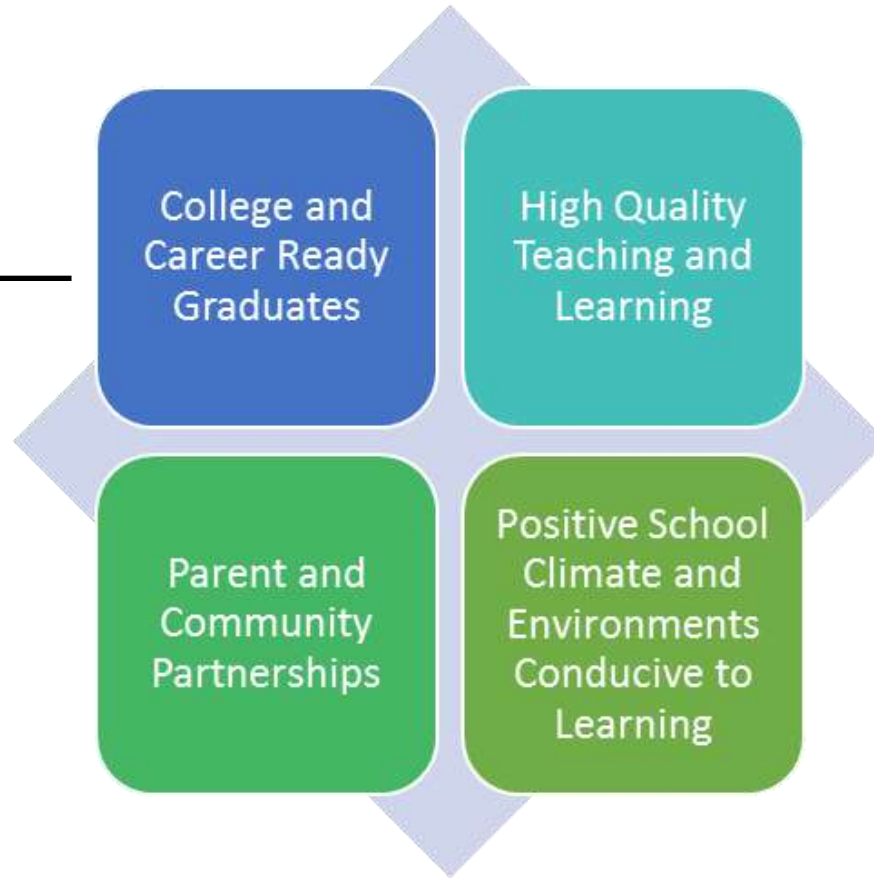


Board of Education Meeting  
September 12, 2016

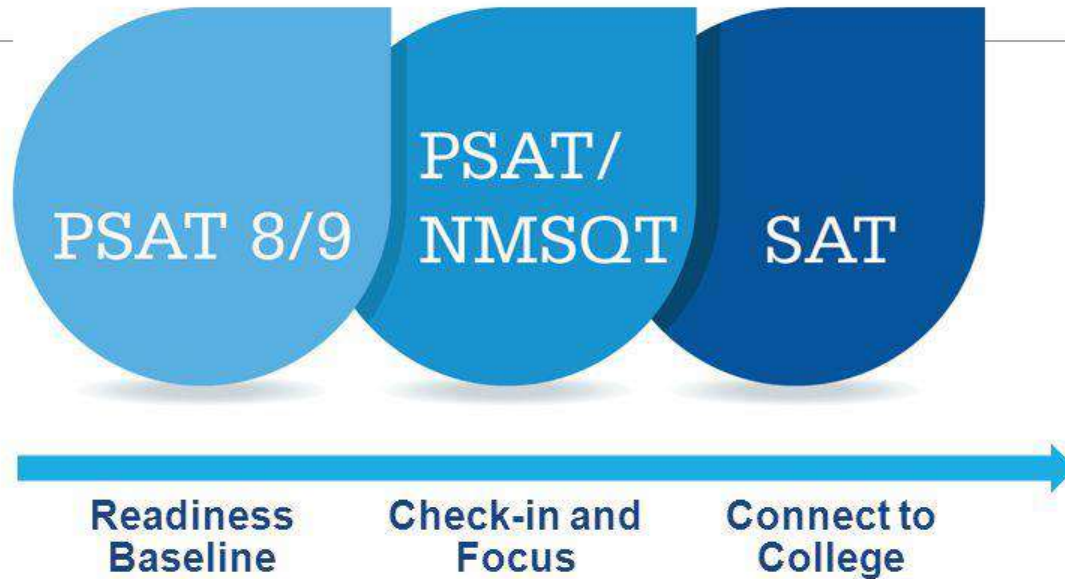
Dr. Ruth Pérez, Superintendent  
Dr. Ryan D. Smith, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Educational Services

# District Focus Areas

- Knowledge and Skills
- Career Interests
- CTE experiences
- Coursework
- Grades
- Involvement
- **Exam Scores – e.g. SAT**



## The SAT Suite of Assessments

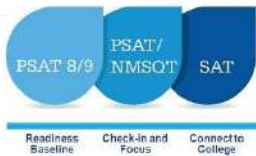


More test details and sample questions at: [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org](https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org)



# Key facts about the PSAT

- Taken in grades 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>
- Schools can offer during school day or on a Saturday
- Grade level content aligned to CCSS and SAT:
  - Evidenced Based Reading and Writing
  - Mathematics
- College Readiness indicator
- AP Potential
- Big Future – online college and career planning tool
- Comprehensive score reports
- Personalized SAT practice via Khan Academy
- National Merit Scholarship (11<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Additional Scholarship opportunities

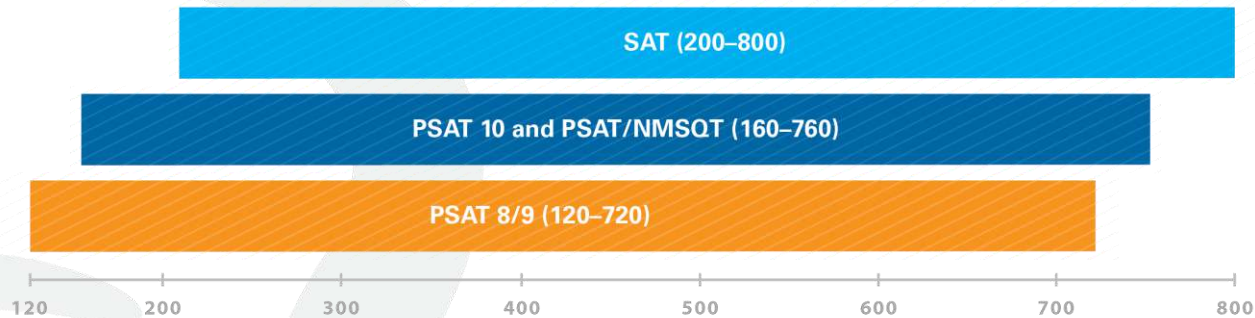


# Key facts about the SAT

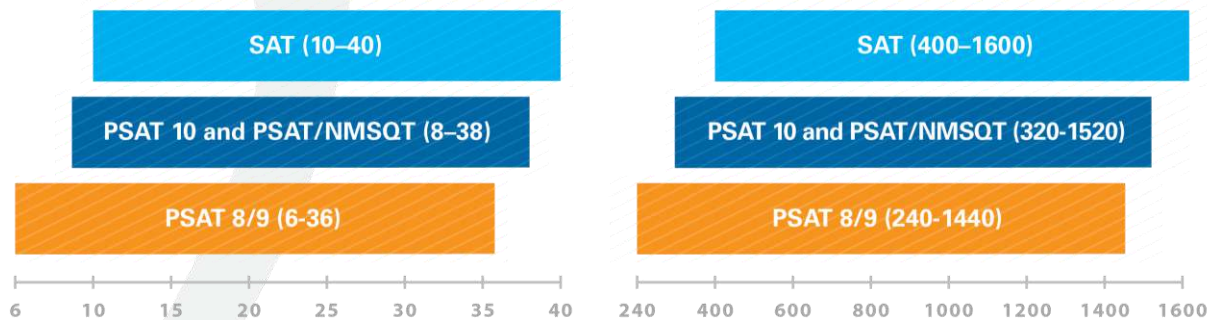
- The nation’s leading college admissions exam
- A key factor in admissions for most colleges
- Big Future – online college and career planning tool
- Comprehensive score reports
- Personalized SAT practice via Khan Academy
- Over two million test takers each year
- Aligned to the Common Core State Standards
- Scores can validate a “conditionally ready for college” EAP status in both English and Math
- **Recommended to be taken at least twice by students**
  - **Spring, 11<sup>th</sup> grade**
  - **Fall, 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

# Longitudinal Progress Monitoring

**Section Scores** are placed on a vertical scale.



The same concept holds true for the **Test, Cross-Test Scores** and **Total Score**.

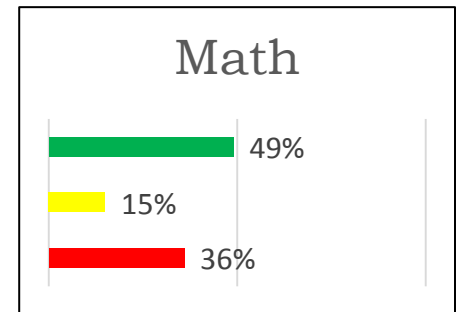
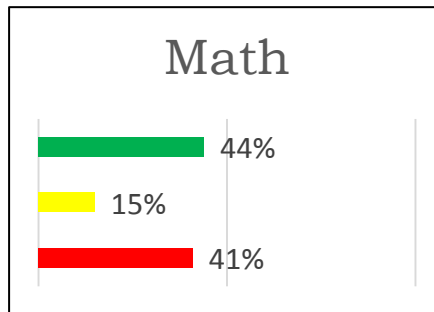
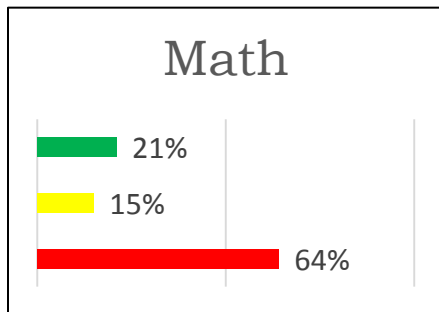
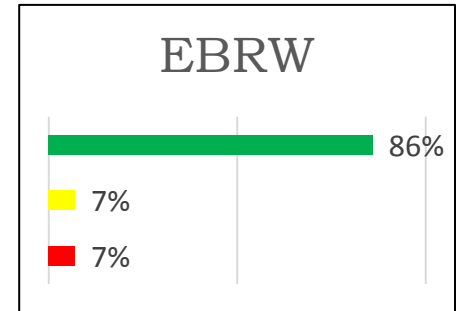
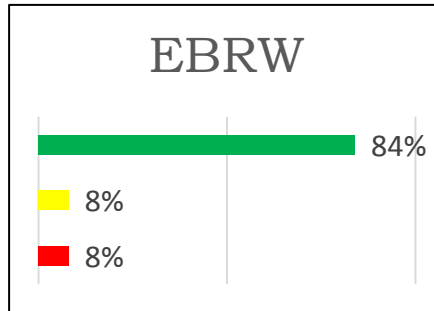
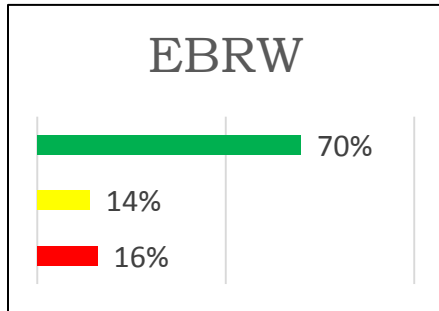


# PUSD Background

- All 11<sup>th</sup> graders took the PSAT at PHS for free during the school day in 2015
- About 250 9<sup>th</sup> graders took the PSAT at PHS West during the school day in 2015
- About 30 8<sup>th</sup> graders took the PSAT at Zamboni for free during the school day in 2015
- Students who took the SAT last year signed up on their own, took it on a Saturday somewhere, and paid for it themselves
  - June, 2016 – 190 students
  - May, 2016 – 51 students
  - March, 2016 – 77 students

# 2015 PHS 11<sup>th</sup> grade PSAT Performance

<b>PUSD</b> <b>Met Both Benchmarks:</b> <b>20%</b> <b>Mean Total Score: 870</b>	State Met Both Benchmarks: <b>44%</b> Mean Total Score: 986	National Met Both Benchmarks: <b>48%</b> Mean Total Score: 1009
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# 2016 PHS 11<sup>th</sup> grade SAT Performance\*

**PUSD**  
**Met Both Benchmarks:**

**29%**

**Mean Total Score: 987**

State  
Met Both Benchmarks:

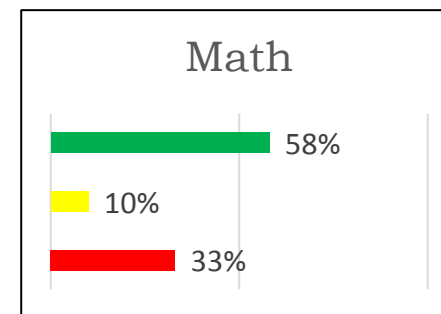
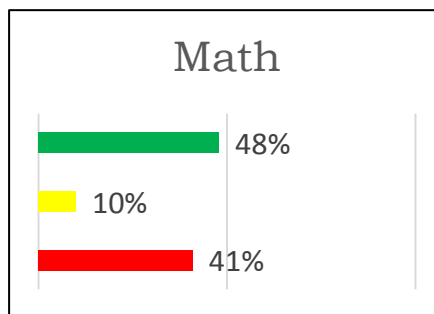
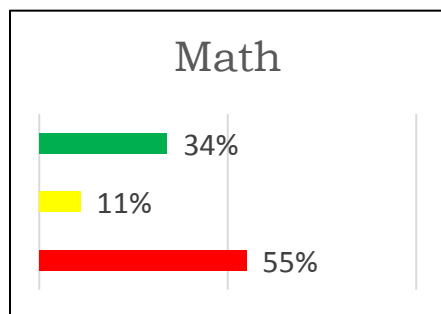
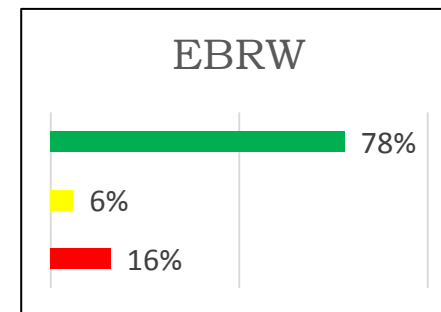
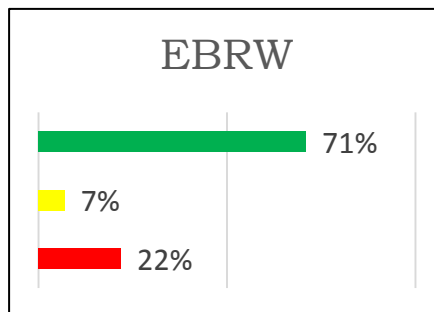
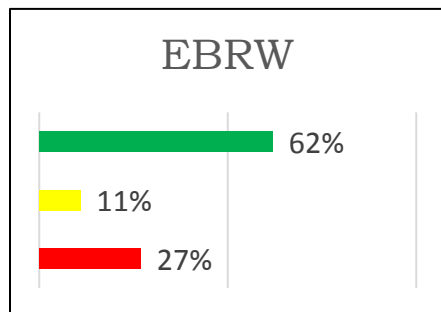
**46%**

Mean Total Score: 1056

National  
Met Both Benchmarks:

**55%**

Mean Total Score: 1102



\*June exam, 187 11<sup>th</sup> graders

# Proposed Next Steps 2016-2017

## PSAT 8/9

- Approximately 600 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- All 9<sup>th</sup> Graders – October 19

## PSAT/NMSQT

- All 10<sup>th</sup> and **11<sup>th</sup> Graders** – October 19

## SAT

- **All 11<sup>th</sup> Graders** – April 5
- **1<sup>st</sup> of 2 Attempts**

# After PSAT Testing Takes Place

PSAT 8/9

PSAT/NMSQT

SAT

## Results by Early January

- All students access online score reports
- All students access My Big Future
- All students access Khan Academy
- Teachers review score summaries and student scores
- Imbed PSAT/SAT prep into curriculum
- PSAT score interpretation meetings for students and parents
- Identify additional AP students using AP Potential
- **All 11<sup>th</sup> graders practice for the April SAT using Khan Academy prior to the taking the SAT in April**

# Proposed Next Steps 2017-2018 and Beyond

PSAT 8/9

- All 8<sup>th</sup> Graders - October
- All 9<sup>th</sup> Graders - October

PSAT/NMSQT

- All 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Graders - October

SAT

- **All 12<sup>th</sup> Graders** – October
- **2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 Attempts**

SAT

- All 11<sup>th</sup> Graders – April