# Increasing Equity and Access to College Readiness Exams



Board of Education Meeting September 12, 2016

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#### District Focus Areas

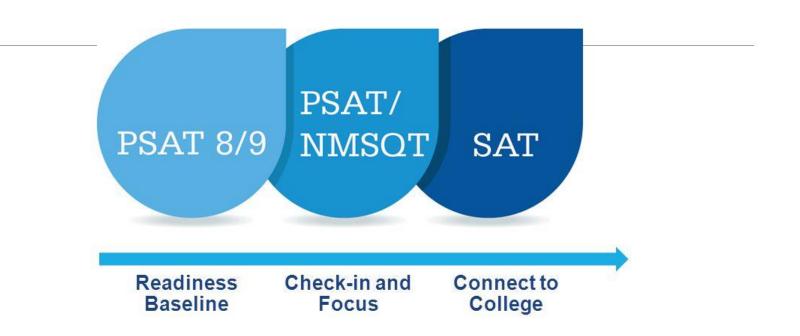
- Knowledge and Skills
- Career Interests
- CTE experiences
- Coursework
- Grades
- Involvement
- Exam Scores e.g. SAT

College and
Career Ready
Graduates

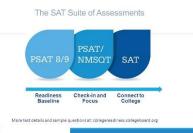
High Quality Teaching and Learning

Parent and Community Partnerships Positive School
Climate and
Environments
Conducive to
Learning

#### The SAT Suite of Assessments



More test details and sample questions at: 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

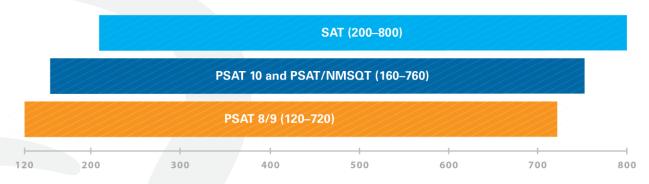


#### Key facts about the SAT

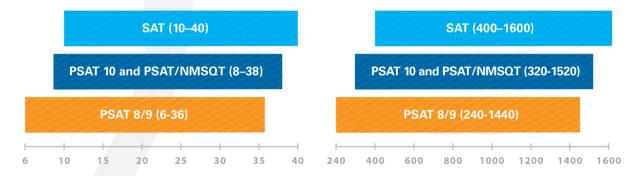
- The nation's leading college admissions exam
- A key factor in admissions for most colleges
- Big Future online college and career planning tool
- Comprehensive score reports
- Personalized SAT practice via Khan Academy
- Over two million test takers each year
- Aligned to the Common Core State Standards
- 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, 12th 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

PUSD
Met Both Benchmarks:

20%

Mean Total Score: 870

State
Met Both Benchmarks:

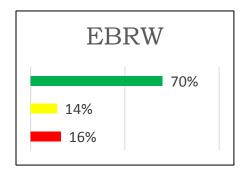
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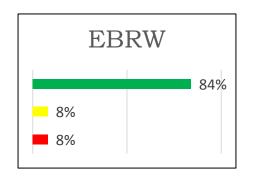
Mean Total Score: 986

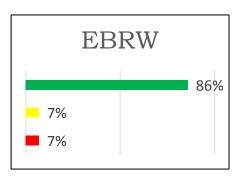
National
Met Both Benchmarks:

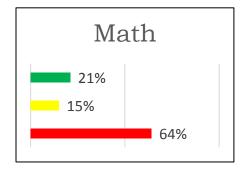
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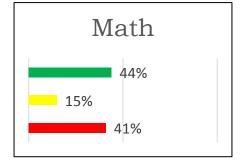
Mean Total Score: 1009

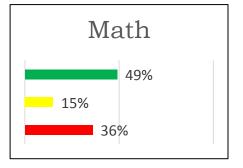












### 2016 PHS 11th grade SAT Performance\*

**PUSD** 

**Met Both Benchmarks:** 

29%

Mean Total Score: 987

State

Met Both Benchmarks:

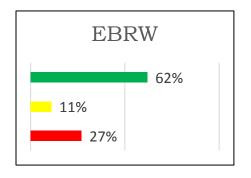
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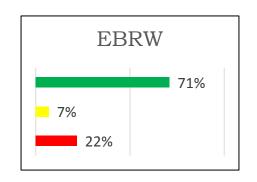
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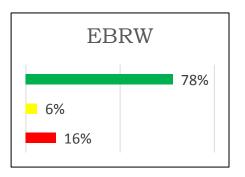
National
Met Both Benchmarks:

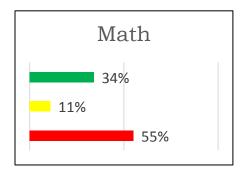
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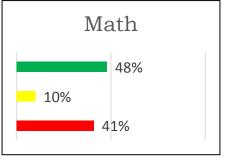
Mean Total Score: 1102

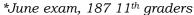


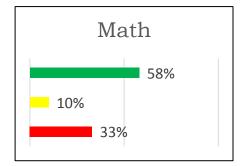












## Proposed Next Steps 2016-2017

**PSAT 8/9** 

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

PSAT/NMSQT

• All 10th and 11th Graders - October 19

SAT

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

### After PSAT Testing Takes Place

**PSAT 8/9** 

PSAT/NMSQT

#### 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

SAT

## Proposed Next Steps 2017-2018 and Beyond

PSAT 8/9

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

PSAT/NMSQT

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

SAT

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

SAT

• All 11<sup>th</sup> Graders – April