
You have your
PSAT results...Now
what?



**College Readiness for ALL
Students!**



You took the PSAT last October and have your scores, now what???

It is important to review your scores and understand what they mean so that you can set goals for yourself that will help you on your pathway to college.

Realizing College Dreams

Strategic Planning

1. Know what career you are interested in
2. Know what degree it requires
3. Know what college offers that degree
4. Know what the college admission requirements are
5. Know what your college readiness score is and plan backwards!



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Create your road map to success.
GISD can help you get there!



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In order to realize your college dreams, you need to **plan**. Starting early gives you a jump start on everyone else! Begin by exploring careers through Naviance. If you haven't accessed your Naviance account, please seek guidance from your counselor. Naviance is a powerful tool you need to know and use!!!

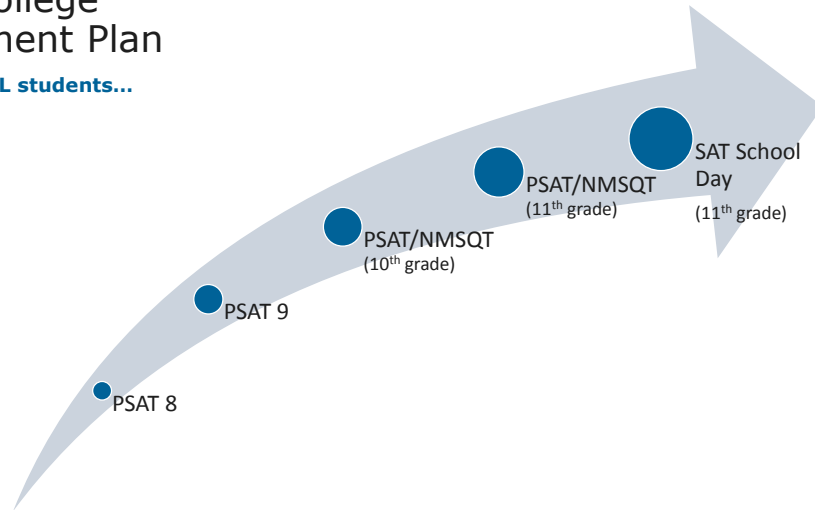
Next, learn about the colleges that offer the degree you need for the career you may want to pursue. Then, find out what it takes to get into the colleges you may want to attend. Knowing what scores you need will help you plan for getting that acceptance letter!

Take your score and compare it to the colleges you like. If your score isn't high enough, set study goals for yourself so that you can get the scores you need by the time you are applying as a senior! Or you may decide that another college is a better match for you.

Follow the five steps on this slide, create your road map to success, and allow GISD to help you get there!

GISD College Assessment Plan

Preparing ALL students...



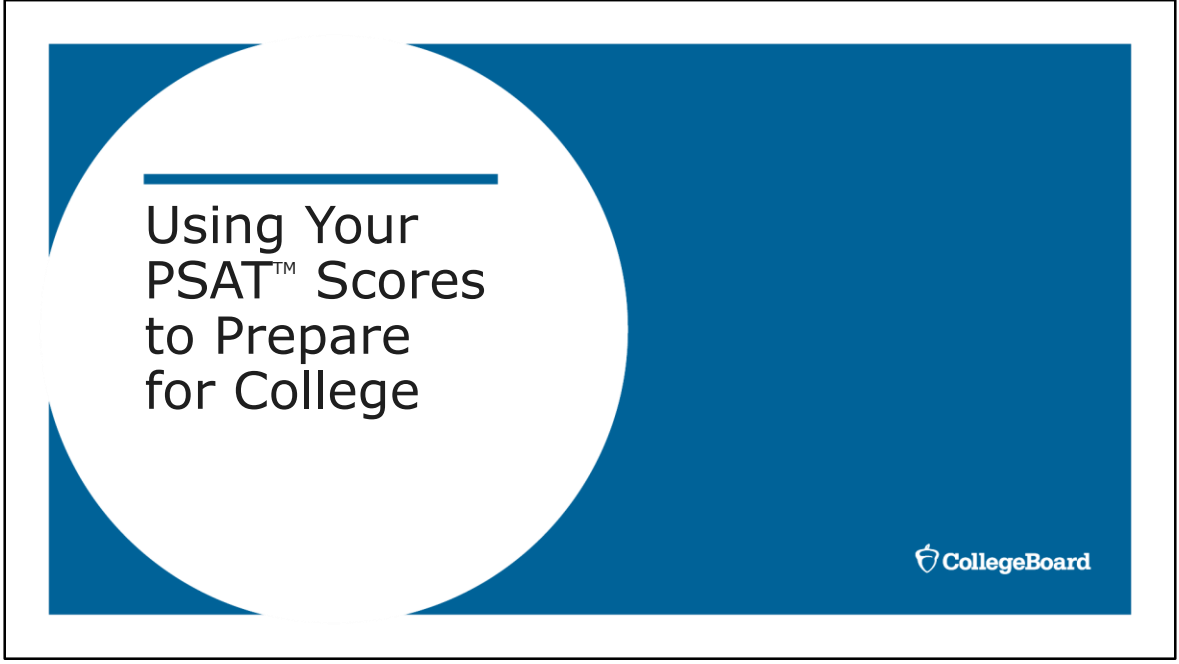
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So, let's talk about what GISD can do to help you...

GISD pays for all students to take the PSAT grades 8 through 11. Research indicates that students tend to have a jump in their PSAT scores simply by taking the exam more than once. Each time you take the test, you learn more about the exam and have an opportunity to improve! Just think about the increases you can have over the course of one, two or three years!

Juniors, remember, you are taking the SAT at your campus on March 7th! Now is the time to practice in order to improve your score!

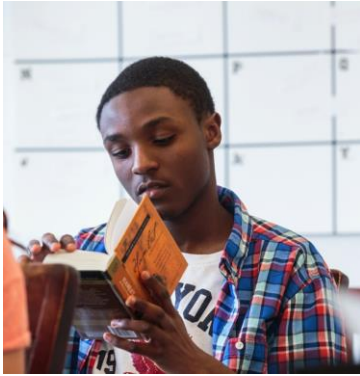


Using Your PSAT™ Scores to Prepare for College



Let's discuss how to use your PSAT scores to help you achieve your college dreams...

Get to Know the PSAT™



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- The PSAT is highly relevant to your future success because it focuses on the skills and knowledge at the heart of education.

It measures:

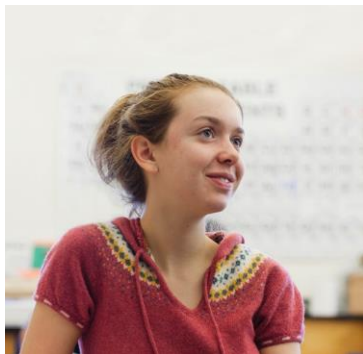
- What you learn in high school
- What you need to succeed in college
- The PSAT measures reading, writing and language, and math skills developed over many years, both in and out of school.
- The PSAT does not ask you to recall facts from literature, history, or science, or to complete math formulas, because it measures your reasoning and critical thinking skills.
- You don't have to discover secret tricks or cram the night before.
- There is no penalty for guessing on the PSAT.

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The PSAT is focused on the skills and knowledge you are working on in your classes. You don't need to learn additional facts or formulas in order to be successful.

Your scores are based only on the questions you answer correctly (**there is no penalty for wrong answers**). Remember, answer ALL questions when you take the PSAT or SAT!

Benefits of Taking the PSAT™



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- Measure your college readiness.
- Prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT® and SAT®.
- Get free, personalized, and focused practice through Khan Academy®.
- See which AP® courses for which you might be ready.
- Start getting ready for college with college and career planning tools.
- Get information and financial aid information from colleges

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The PSAT is a preview of the content on the SAT, and can help students practice for the assessment. PSAT scores are accessible from your online College Board account. In addition, the PSAT offers other benefits:

1. If you link your College Board account with your Khan Academy® account, Khan Academy will use the PSAT scores to design a practice plan and practice questions tailored to your strengths and areas for improvement. This program is completely free, and practice test questions on Khan Academy are created with College Board approval, **so this is the best SAT practice available.**
2. PSAT scores are indicators of ability to succeed in Advanced Placement® courses. You can find the AP® courses in which you are likely to succeed in the online reporting system .
3. If you opt in to Student Search Service® , you will begin to receive information about admission and financial aid from colleges that also participate in the program.

How Do I Access My PSAT™ Scores and Reports?

1. Review your online score reports.
2. Review your paper score report.



You have two options for accessing your PSAT scores:

1. Through your College Board account
2. Viewing your paper score report

The best method for you to get information about all of your scores and other college planning resources is to log in to your College Board account.

Today, we are going to focus on the paper score report in class and if there is time, we will look at the online score report.



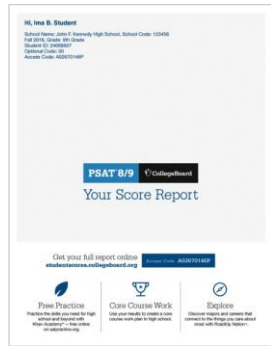
Understanding My Paper Score Report

Teachers, please pause the presentation and pass out the student score reports and PSAT Reflection worksheets. Resume the presentation when you are finished...**(Pause presentation)**

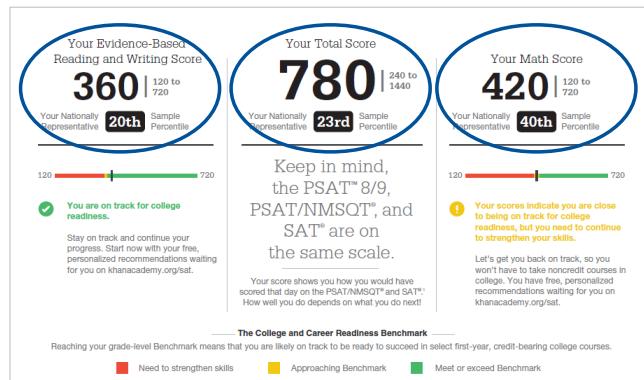
Please use your paper score report as we go through the next several slides. As we discuss each portion of the score report, fill-out your PSAT reflection worksheet. You will use the worksheet to help develop a plan of action for college readiness.

What Are My Scores?

Scores for the assessments in the SAT® Suite are vertically equated.



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First, turn to page 2 on your score report and find “Your Total Score” in the center of the score report. Total scores are based on a scale depending on the PSAT or SAT test you take. For example,

- the PSAT 8/9 score range is from 240 to 1440,
- the PSAT/NMSQT score range is from 320 to 1520, and
- the SAT score range is from 400 to 1600.

This is the score you would likely receive on the SAT had you taken the SAT on the same day you took the PSAT.

Now, look at “Your Evidenced Based Reading and Writing Score on the left side. This is a combination of your Reading Test and Writing/Language Test scores.

“Your Math Score” is on the right side.

This example student on this slide made a 780 total score, 360 on his Evidence Based Reading/Writing test, and 420 on his math test. Find your Total Score, Evidenced-Based Reading/Writing Score, and Math Score and enter them on your worksheet.

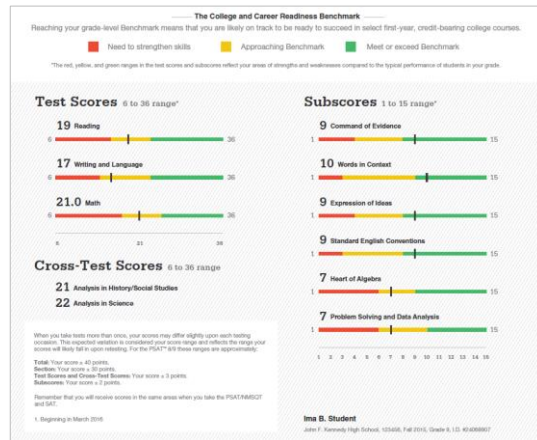
Colleges will use these three scores to determine if you meet their entrance requirements.

(Pause the presentation so that students can enter their scores)

What Are My Scores? (cont.)

Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores give students insightful information about their strengths and areas for improvement.

- Being in the Red Zone indicates that you need to strengthen your skills
- Being in the Yellow Zone indicates that you are Approaching Benchmark
- Being in the Green Zone indicates that you Meet or Exceed Benchmark (you are on track for success in the first year of college)

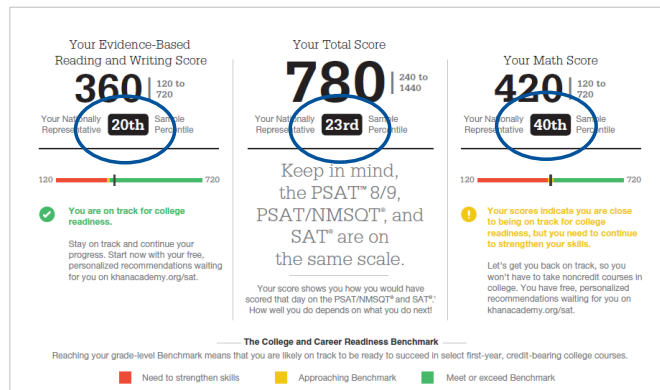


Test scores, cross-test scores, and subscores are intended to give you insightful information about your strengths and areas for improvement.

- Being in the Red Zone indicates that you need to strengthen your skills
- Being in the Yellow Zone indicates that you are almost college-ready
- Being in the Green Zone are your areas of strength and indicate that you are likely to be successful in that content area in college

What Are My Score Percentiles?

Percentiles and benchmarks are provided for eighth and ninth grades on the PSAT/NMSQT®.



Immediately under each of the three scores, you can see your Nationally Representative Sample Percentile. This number is the percentile ranking for a student if ALL U.S. students, in their same grade, took the test.

From the example on the slide, the student scored a 780 and performed better than 23 percent of students nationally.

Look at your percentile scores and enter them on your worksheet.

(Pause presentation)

What Are My Areas of Strength? What Skills Do I Need to Build?

Your Scores: Next Steps



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Now, look at page 3 on your score report. The “Your Scores: Next Steps” portion of your report gives you information about what you likely know and can do according to your test results. It also provides suggestions for areas that need work so that you can develop your knowledge and skills.

Only a subset of your skills and suggestions are on the paper report; the full list is online.

“Your Scores: Next Steps” gives you more information about the skills you know, and the knowledge and skills that you need to strengthen.

Use the worksheet to write down the areas in which you can improve your skills (from the column to the right side of the score), and then think about and commit to ways to work on those skills.

Your plan might include practicing on Khan Academy or asking for help from a teacher. Think about what you need to work on and what you can do to practice and grow.

Let’s pause for a minute so that you can fill out your reflection worksheet. (Pause presentation)

A blue-tinted photograph of three students walking past a brick wall. The students are in profile, moving from left to right. The student in the middle is a young man with dark hair, wearing a light-colored shirt. The student on the left is a young man with short hair, wearing a dark shirt. The student on the right is a young woman with long hair, wearing a light-colored shirt. They are all carrying backpacks.

My College Board Account

What your online account can do for you...

Remember, all the information we are going over on your paper score sheet is also available electronically through your College Board account. In fact, your online score report gives you additional information that will help you!

Online Resources

More resources at your fingertips!

If you haven't created a College Board account, you will want to create one.

- **Digital version of your score report** – see more details about your performance on the PSAT
- **Question analysis** – see all the test questions and explanations for why each answer is wrong or right
- **My AP Potential** – see what AP courses you show potential for
- **Skills Insight** – get additional information on what you can do to improve; what are your strengths and weaknesses?
- **Big Future** – create a college plan and timeline, search for colleges, get scholarship information, and learn about financial aid
- **Roadmap to Careers** – learn about careers and your interests

If you don't have a College Board account, you should create one. Your online account provides many resources that will help you plan for and prepare for college. Several resources are listed on this slide.

Be sure to check your AP Potential report (for 9th -11th grades only). Make sure you meet with your counselor to discuss the AP classes you should sign-up to take.

Take a minute to look at the resources listed on this slide.

(Pause presentation and review bullets on slide)



What Are My Next Steps?

- Continue to take challenging courses in high school
- Link scores with Khan Academy®
- Set up a practice plan and stick to it
- Utilize other resources to research and prepare for college

What are your next steps?

Your next steps should include zeroing in on areas of strength and weakness, then making a plan for improving. Khan Academy is a great way to improve and to create a personalized plan. Let's find out more about Khan Academy now...

Official SAT® Practice with Khan Academy® — It's FREE!

- Go to **Clever** and log into your account, then select the Khan Academy icon.
- Get personalized recommendations. Link your Khan Academy account to your College Board account to import past SAT Suite results, or take diagnostic quizzes to get personalized recommendations.
- Create a study plan. Select a test date and set up a practice schedule.



Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy is offered to all students at no cost. You have access to thousands of official SAT test questions (written and reviewed by the College Board) and six full-length SAT tests. You can access Official SAT Practice on a computer, or by using the Daily SAT Practice app or Khan Academy app on your mobile device. Khan Academy creates personalized learning plans for each student based on his or her test performance and practice on Khan Academy. It also provides videos that will tutor you in the areas in which you need help.

How Can I Practice with Khan Academy®?

[Watch a video introducing Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy.](#)



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- Thousands of practice questions and videos covering every SAT® concept
- Six official, full-length SAT practice tests with more to come
- Personalized recommendations based on each student's strengths and weaknesses
- Tailored practice schedule mapping out each students' path to test day
- SAT tips and strategies, sharing information about each part of the test

Khan Academy has thousands of practice questions, videos, full-length practice tests, and is personalized for you based on your PSAT results.

If you did not take the PSAT, don't worry! You can still get a personalized study plan on Khan by taking some quizzes. Once you complete the quizzes, you will receive a personalized study plan that will help you work on your areas of weakness and turn them into strengths!

What Steps Will I Follow to Link My College Board Account to Khan Academy®?



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Step 1

Log in to your **Clever** account and select the Khan Academy icon.

Step 2

When prompted, agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board accounts. You will then be directed to collegeboard.org.

Step 3

Sign in or create a College Board Account.

Step 4

When prompted, hit "Send" to authorize the account linking.

Step 5

Start practicing on Official SAT® Practice on Khan Academy!

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In order to receive personalized practice plans based on your PSAT results, you will have to link your Khan Academy account and your College Board account. To begin the linking process, follow the steps outlined on the slide.

Remember to login to Clever (www.clever.com/in/garlandisd) =

The username should be S + your student ID.

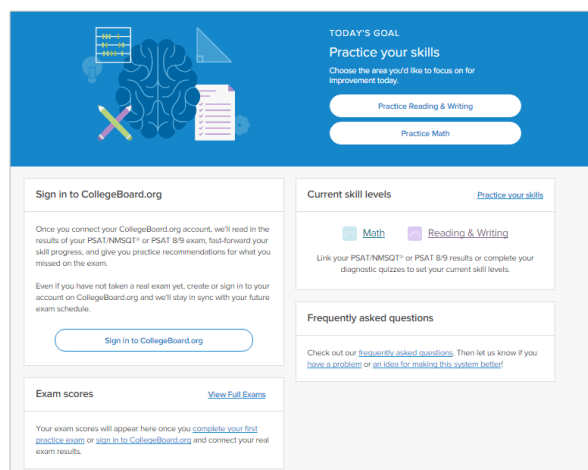
Username: S123456

The password should be your GISD Npin.

Password: NPin

How can I Link My College Board and Khan Academy® Accounts?

- After successfully logging in to your College Board account, you will be asked to authorize the account linking.
- After clicking “Send,” you will be redirected to SAT® Practice on the Khan Academy site.
- Begin practicing!



After successfully logging in to the College Board account, you will be asked to authorize the linking of the accounts. This allows Khan Academy to access your student score data. Be sure to click “Send” so that you can then start practicing on Khan Academy!

Why Should I Practice?

- Practice may open doors to opportunities
- Good scores on the PSAT and SAT may lead to scholarship money



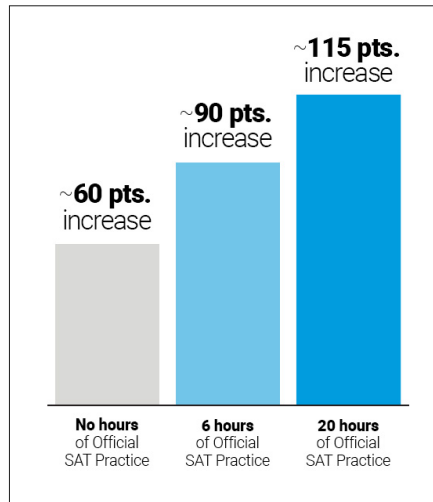
Why should you practice?

Practice can help you improve your score and result in more opportunities and possible scholarship money!

SAT Score Improvements & Official SAT Practice

Average number of points gained from PSAT/NMSQT to SAT associated with the hours spent practicing on Khan Academy.

Practice Makes Progress...



16,000
students saw
gains of
200 points
or more.

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Practice may not make perfect, but it can help you make progress!

The more you practice, the more likely you will improve and hopefully get into the college of your choice with scholarship money!

So What Are Colleges Looking For?

The following are ranges of SAT scores of admitted students at universities in Texas. The score you need depends on your high school class rank.

University	Evidenced Based Reading & Writing	Math
Baylor	600-700	590-700
Texas State	500-600	510-580
Texas Christian University (TCU)	590-690	570-670
Texas A&M	560-680	580-700
Texas Tech	540-630	540-630

And that's just for admission!

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The following are average scores from last year for universities in Texas. These are subject to change, but they provide an idea of score ranges you may want to work towards. It is important for you to research the universities you may want to attend to get current admissions criteria. Also, research what scores are needed to earn scholarships. Remember, there are scores you need to get in and scores to get the money!!!

Begin with the End in Mind!

Plan backwards so that you
can go forwards!

1. What do you want to do?
2. Where do you want to go?
3. What do you need to get there?
4. Where are you now?
5. What action do you need to take?

Juniors – get ready for the
March 1 SAT!!!

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Remember, start with what you want to do in your life. Then plan backwards...

Research colleges and find out what scores you need, then use Khan Academy to create a study plan.

Juniors...remember you need to get ready for the March 7th SAT!!!



Connecting with Colleges

Student Search Service

The PSAT and SAT also provide another service to students. You can elect to participate in the Student Search Service which will connect you with colleges and universities from across the nation!

Student Search Service®

Connects students with information about educational and financial aid opportunities.

- Participate voluntarily.
- Connect with more than 1,200 colleges, universities, scholarship programs, and educational organizations.
- Sign up when you take the test:
 1. Choose to participate in Student Search Service when registering for a College Board test (fill in the circle on the answer sheet).
 2. Provide information about yourself on your answer sheet.
 3. Participating organizations can then search for groups of students who may be a good fit.
 4. FYI: The College Board never shares information on disabilities, parental education, self-reported parental income, Social Security numbers, phone numbers, or actual test scores through Student Search Service.

Student Search Service is a voluntary program that connects students with information about educational and financial aid opportunities from more than 1,200 colleges, universities, scholarship programs, and educational organizations. Here's how it works:

1. Students may choose to participate in Student Search Service when registering for a College Board test.
2. As part of taking the PSAT, students are asked to provide information about themselves on their answer sheet.
3. Participating, eligible organizations can then search for groups of students who may be a good fit for their communities and programs, but only among those students who opt to participate in Student Search Service.

To achieve your dreams, you must first reach for them!

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Achieving your college dreams doesn't just happen for most. You must set goals and work towards them. Be sure you use your PSAT score report, your online College Board account, Naviance, and Khan Academy to work towards the dream you want to achieve!

To help you, we provided 5 next steps on the back of your PSAT Score Reflection sheet. Please use your electronic device to complete each next step. If you do not have time in class today, please do this tonight when you get home.

This presentation is posted on the GISD website on the PSAT page in case you want to review it again later.

Remember that achieving your college dreams take planning and effort, but now you are equipped to take the necessary steps to making your dreams a reality!