

# PSAT AND SAT

2019-2020

ANSWERING THE BIG QUESTIONS

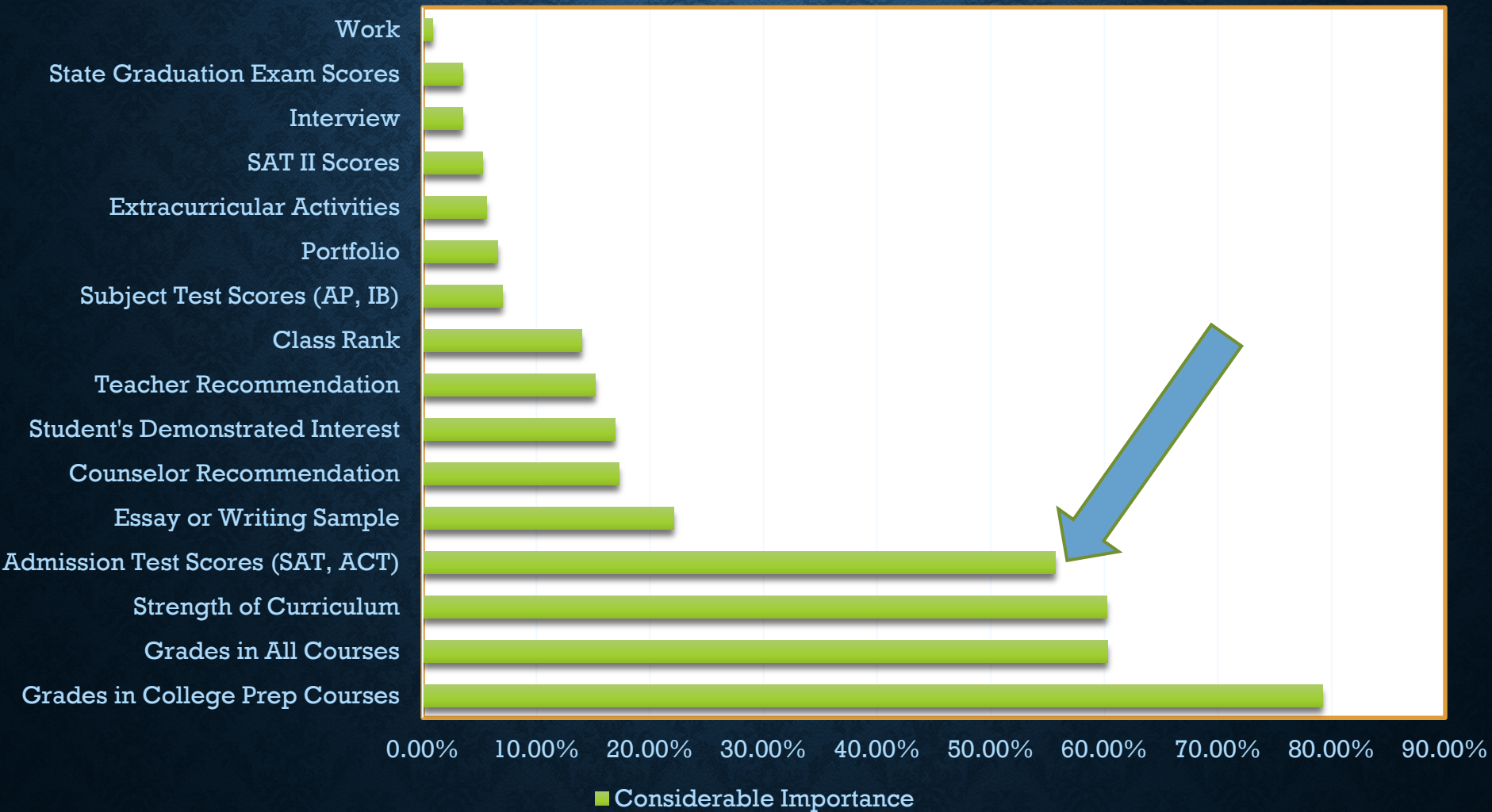
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# WHY PSAT

## WHAT COLLEGES WANT:





# BENEFITS OF PSAT

- Inspires productive practice
- Helps students build skills over time
- Opens doors to college
- Equips students with free practice on KHAN Academy (online PSAT/SAT resource.....more info on this later)
- Connects students to scholarship opportunities
- Increases access to AP and college credit





# NMSQT



**Attention  
11<sup>th</sup> graders**

## **NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFYING TEST**

\$180 million in increased  
scholarships connections

- Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- Jack Kent Cooke Foundation
- Asian & Pacific Islander  
American Scholarship Fund
- American Indian Graduate  
Center



# WHO & WHEN

## COLLEGE READINESS ASSESSMENTS IN GISD

### • PSAT 8

- Practice for the PSAT/NMSQT
- Identifies students for AP classes

(Oct. 15-18)

### • PSAT 9

- Practice for the PSAT/NMSQT
- Identifies students for AP classes
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade = Rising Scholars

(Oct. 16)

### • PSAT/NMSQT

- 10<sup>th</sup> grade = Superintendent's Scholars
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade = National Merit Scholarships and recognitions
- Identifies students for AP classes

(Oct. 16)

### • SAT

- Scholarships
- College admission
- Avoid taking developmental classes

(March 4)



# THE PSAT FORMAT

## PSAT 8/9

2 sections

- Math
- Evidence-Based Reading and Writing

Total score = **240-1440**

- 2 section scores
- Each section worth **120-720**

2 hours, **25** minutes

## PSAT/NMSQT

2 sections

- Math
- Evidence-Based Reading and Writing

Total score = **320-1520**

- 2 section scores
- Each section worth **160-760**

2 hours, **45** minutes

**No penalty for incorrect answers on either test!**



# PSAT

## PSAT NMSQT (PSAT 8/9)

	Minutes Allotted	Number of Questions
Math	70 (60)	48 (38)
Reading	60 (55)	47 (42)
Writing & Language	35 (30)	44 (40)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>165 (145)</b>	<b>139 (120)</b>



# TEST TAKING STRATEGIES



When you sit down to take the test:

- **Monitor your time!**
- Work at a steady pace!
  - If you can't narrow the answer choices to two, come back to the question later.
  - Focus on the easy and medium-level questions first.

**Remember: Your score is calculated based on the number of correct answers not on the level of difficulty of the question, so answer ALL questions! Leave no blanks! Commit! Don't omit!**



# Typical Accommodations (SPED & 504)

The College Board considers all reasonable requests for accommodations needed by students with **documented disabilities**. Available accommodations are not limited to those listed.

Examples of typical accommodations include:

**Extended time**

**Computer use for essays**

**Extra and extended breaks**

**Reading and seeing accommodations**

**Four-function calculator**

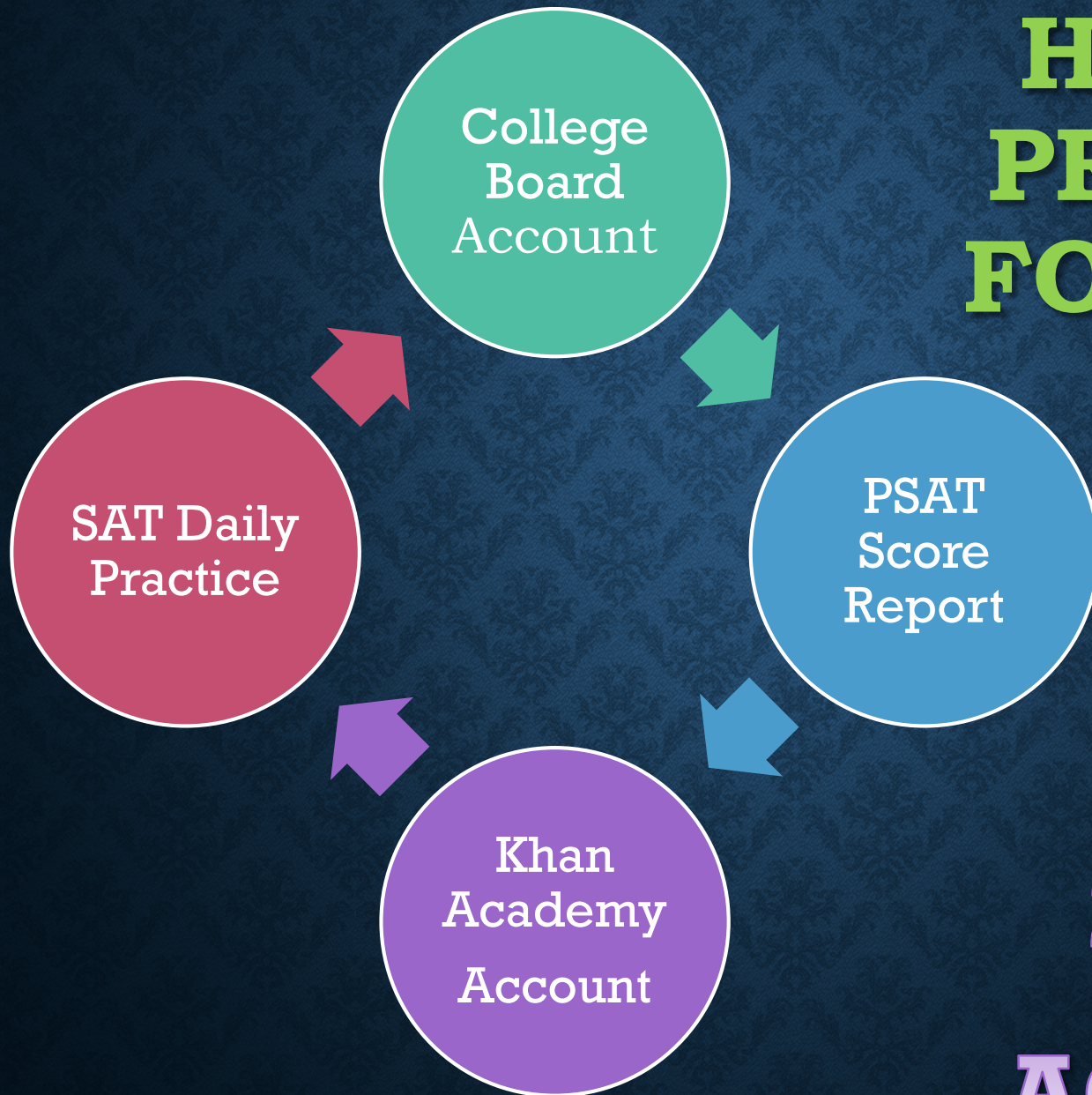


Important to note:

- The process can take up to 6 months.
- Once CB grants permission for a student to receive accommodations, they have them for all College Board tests: PSAT, SAT, and even AP exams.



# HOW TO PREPARE FOR FREE



**24/7!**

**ACCESS**



# Personalized Resources Just for You!

## CollegeBoard

- Create a CollegeBoard account to access:
  - PSAT score report
  - AP Potential report

## Khan Academy

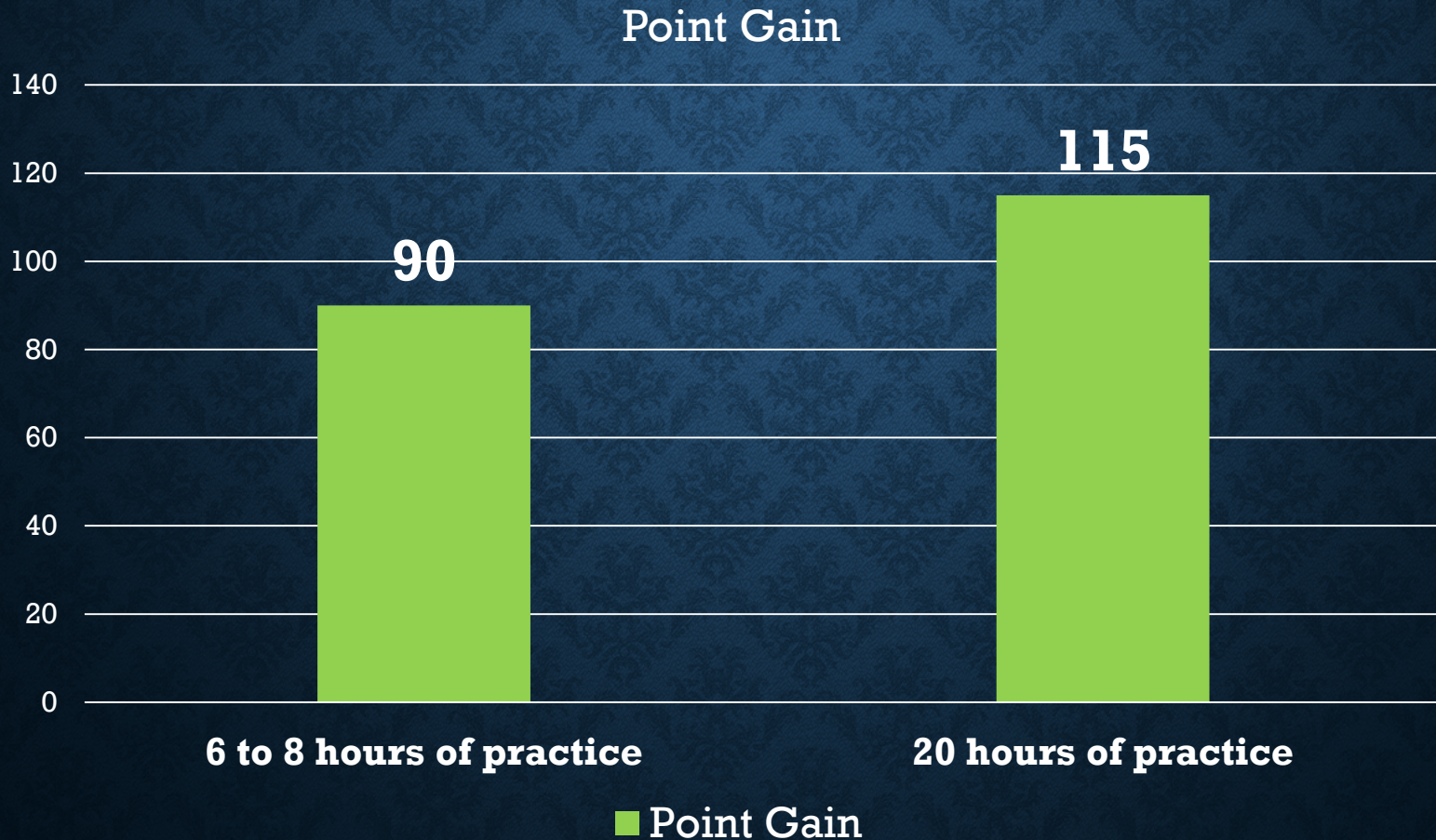
- Use your Khan Academy account to access:
  - Full length practice tests
  - Videos & email reminders

## Personalized Study Plan

- Benefits of Khan Academy:
  - Plan based on student PSAT results
  - Allows you to monitor performance
  - Provides feedback



# RESULTS USING KHAN ACADEMY OFFICIAL SAT PRACTICE





# **KHAN ACADEMY**

## **([HTTPS://WWW.KHANACADEMY.ORG/SAT](https://www.khanacademy.org/sat))**

- Get to know the SAT and PSAT
- Use student access code on PSAT report for personalized practice
- Stay on top of important SAT dates and news
- Practice anytime, anywhere, **at no cost**



# **KHAN ACADEMY**

## **([HTTPS://WWW.KHANACADEMY.ORG/SAT](https://www.khanacademy.org/sat))**

### **Personalized**

- An individualized study plan based on diagnostic assessments or your SAT or PSAT/NMSQT®

### **Interactive**

- Thousands of practice questions, videos, lessons, and hints plus study and test-taking tips and strategies

### **Official**

- 8 full-length practice tests and content created in partnership with College Board

### **Instant feedback**

- Receive continuous feedback so you know where you stand



# FREE & REDUCED LUNCH FORMS

Don't forget to  
turn these in!



## Why turn in your forms?

- Reduced/free breakfast and lunch
- Fee waivers for SAT & ACT exams
- Fee waivers for college applications
- Fee waivers for NCAA registration
- Reduced pricing on AP exams



# **GARLAND ISD PSAT/SAT DATES**

**PSAT 8 - October 15-18 (window)**

**PSAT 9 - October 16**

**PSAT/NMSQT - October 16**

**SAT School Day - March 4**



**NOW LET'S HEAR  
FROM OUR STUDENT  
AMBASSADORS...**