

## Marengo Community High School - Radiant Test Score Information 9th graders/PSAT and 10th graders/SAT

**What is the PSAT and the SAT?** *The College Board has created the PSAT 10 (aka: pre-SAT) to provide a practice test which measures the same skills and knowledge as the SAT, but modified for the grade level. The SAT is an entrance exam used by many colleges & universities to make admissions decisions. The focus is to measure a student's college readiness and predict success in the post-secondary setting.*

**Why do students take the tests twice a year?** *Marengo Community High School administers the standardized tests in the fall and spring. This allows the ability to measure student academic growth. The practice tests are not official and scores may not be used to apply for admission.*

**What is the score range for the PSAT?** *The total score is on a scale from 320 to 1520 that is the sum of two section scores: Evidence-Based Reading & Writing and Math.*

**What is the score range for the SAT?** *The total score is on a scale from 400 to 1600 that is the sum of two section scores: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math. These scores are what is reported for college admission.*

**Student Score Reports** *provide a breakdown of test answers and scores. It also includes analysis of content areas to help teachers, parents and students to identify strengths and areas for improvement.*

**Ways to improve the student's score** *is to study in academic classes and/or practice on Khan Academy. The website is [satpractice.org](https://satpractice.org). Students may create a free online account with diagnostic quizzes to determine academics strengths and weaknesses.*

### College and Career Benchmarks

*Students are considered college and career ready when their SAT section scores meet or exceed both the Math and the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing benchmarks.*

*Students with an SAT Math section score that meets or exceeds the benchmark have a 75% likelihood of earning at least a C in first semester, credit bearing college courses in algebra, statistics, precalculus, or calculus.*

*Students with an SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing (ERW) section scores that meets or exceeds the benchmark have a 75% likelihood of earning at least a C in first semester, credit bearing college courses in history, literature, social science, or writing classes.*

SAT Benchmark for grade 10:      430 in ERW; 480 in Math  
PSAT Benchmark for grade 9:      410 in ERW; 450 in Math