

# PSAT Now what?







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#### **OUR MISSION**

- We don't just improve scores, we also lower stress and improve confidence for students and parents
- We find the perfect tutor match for each of our students
- We want to help families in any way we can, regardless of budget

#### **OUR EXPERIENCE**

- We have worked with over 1,000,000 students since 2002
- We have partnered with over 1,000 schools
- We are experts in the intricacies of standardized assessments
- We have industry-leading customer feedback

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- Regular assessments to measure student growth and achievement
- Weekly video updates to keep families informed of progress



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#### OUR JOB IS TO HELP YOU SET A TEST PREPARATION PLAN AND EXECUTE ON IT



# WHY PSAT RESULTS **ARE SO** IMPORTANT

- The PSAT is the initial step in the process of earning National Merit Scholarships
- The PSAT is far and away the test most similar to the ACT and SAT that students have taken to this point
- PSAT results provide data that can inform the ACT/SAT preparation of all students, even those who do not earn National Merit

# **PSAT:** TRUE OR FALSE?

- **F** Only juniors are eligible for National Merit Scholarship consideration
- **F** The National Merit Semi-Finalist score is different for each state
- **F** I will not find out about National Merit consideration until September
- **T F** Your PSAT score is the sole determinant of National Merit Scholarships
- **T F** My PSAT scores are measures of my intelligence

## PSAT NOW WHAT? **Key takeaways**

- 1. Know what your PSAT score report does (and does not) tell you
- 2. Learn the steps to earning a National Merit Scholarship
- **3.** Take full advantage of the testing opportunity
- 4. Start developing your testing plan today
- 5. Improve your grades while improving your test scores
- 6. Pick the preparation option that is right for you





#### Your Summary Score Report

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	Your Report Details
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Get Your Full Score Report Online

psat.org/myscore

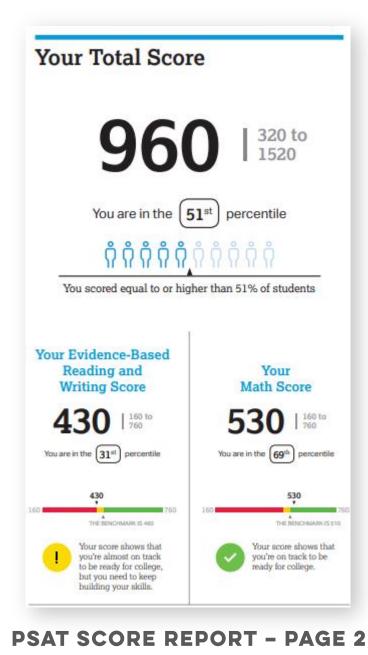
Hi, Ima B. Student School Name: John F. Kennedy High School School Code: 123456 Grade: 11th Grade Student ID: 24068907 Optional Code: 00 Access Code: A02670146P College Board ID: 12345678

## KEY TAKEAWAY #1 **KNOW WHAT YOUR PSAT SCORE REPORT DOES (AND DOES NOT) TELL YOU**

## PSAT SCORING scaled score (out of 1520)

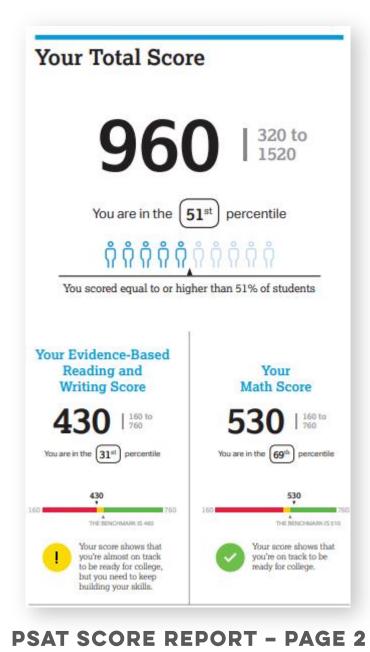


#### MATH: 1/2 OF TOTAL SCORE READING AND WRITING: 1/2 OF TOTAL SCORE



# WHAT YOUR Scaled scores Tell you

- If you need to spend more time improving your math or reading/writing skills
- If you have any fundamental skill gaps that need to be addressed before focusing on the ACT or SAT
- The scaled score (but not the percentile) you would have earned on the SAT that day



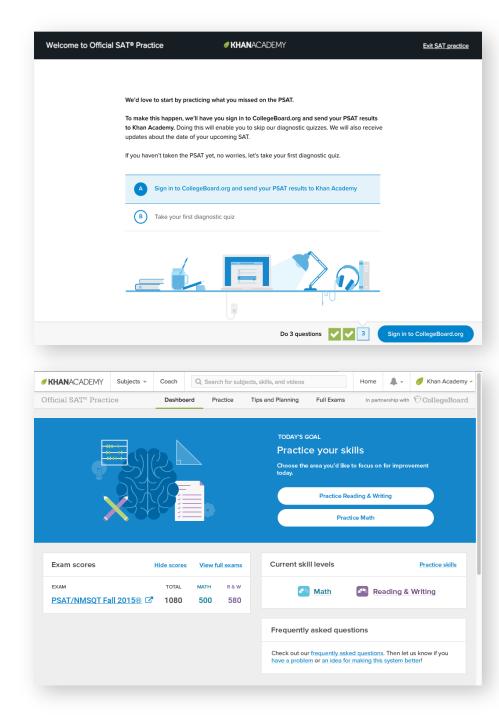
# WHAT YOUR Scaled scores don't tell you

- If you are eligible for National Merit consideration
- What is your best plan for score improvement
- What scores you are able to achieve on the PSAT, SAT, and/or ACT if you dedicate the necessary time and effort

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#### **QUESTION BREAKDOWN – PAGE 4**

## USE THE TEST QUESTIONS TO REVIEW ALL OF YOUR ANSWERS



## IMPORT YOUR PSAT RESULTS INTO KHAN ACADEMY



## KEY TAKEAWAY #2 LEARN THE STEPS TO EARNING A NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

#### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

#### Your NMSC Selection Index

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NMSC uses a Selection Index score based on PSAT/NMSQT scores as an initial screen of students who enter its scholarship programs. The Selection Index score is double the sum of your Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores.

#### **Eligibility Information**

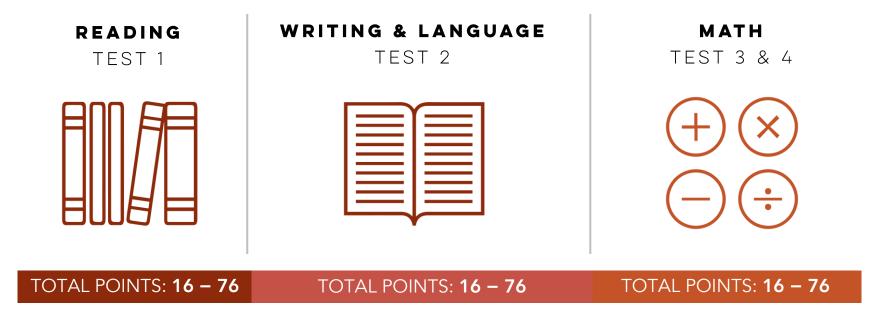
You meet entry requirements for the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program and your Selection Index score will be considered among 1.6 million program entrants.

If your Selection Index places you among the 50,000 high scorers who qualify for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition, you will be notified next September when qualifying Selection Index scores will be made available.

#### **PSAT SCORE REPORT - PAGE 3**

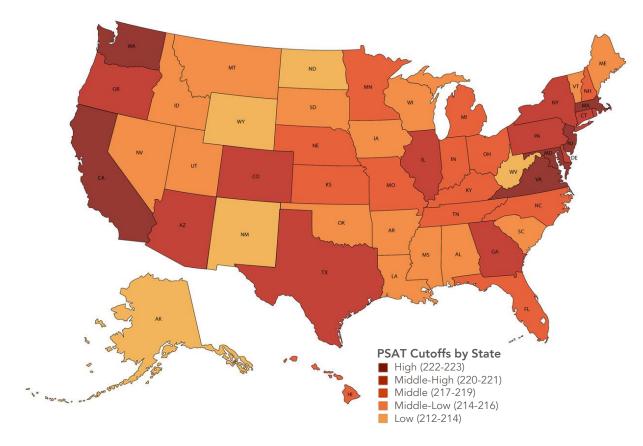
## NATIONAL MERIT CONSIDERATION IS BASED ON YOUR SELECTION INDEX

### PSAT SCORING SELECTION INDEX (OUT OF 228)



#### MATH: 1/3 OF TOTAL SCORE READING AND WRITING: 2/3 OF TOTAL SCORE

# NATIONAL MERIT CUTOFFS



Getting a scholarship is not easy!

~1.6 million juniors take the PSAT/NMSQT exam each year, with ~7,600 students earning scholarships

**Commended status:** Top 4% nationally (96<sup>th</sup> percentile nationally – 212) (~1400 scaled score)

**Semi-Finalist status:** Top 1% in state (99<sup>th</sup> percentile in the state)

**Fun fact:** Semi-finalist scores range from 212 (West Virginia) to 223 (New Jersey)



#### STEPS FROM Semi-finalist to Scholarship

- Earn a confirming ACT or SAT score on any exam taken from sophomore year through 12/31 of your senior year
- Have a competitive GPA (3.5+)
- Demonstrate leadership in your scholarship application (i.e. student council officer, captain of a sports team, drum major, etc.)
- Submit a recommendation from your high school principal or someone the principal designates as a school official
- Write a strong personal essay



## KEY POINT #3 TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE TESTING OPPORTUNITY

#### STANDARDIZED EXAMS ARE **BIG OPPORTUNITIES**

- Standardized exams are the second most important factor for college admission (after your academic transcript)
- The ACT, SAT, and Subject Tests are final opportunities to impress admission officers
- Scores on college admission tests can factor heavily into merit-based scholarships



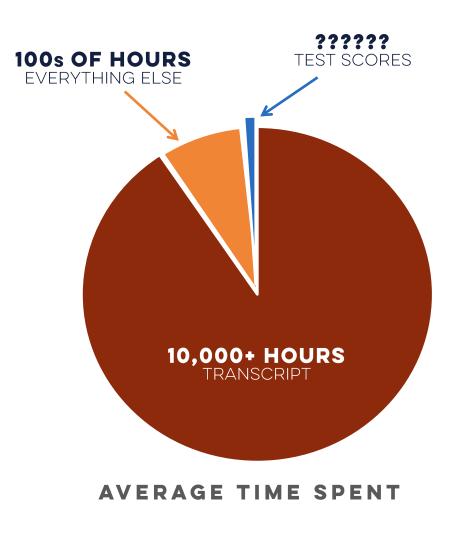
## THE ACT AND SAT Are very similar

	ACT	SAT
DURATION (W/ ESSAY)	3 Hours 55 Minutes	4 Hours 10 Minutes
MAXIMUM SCORE	36	1600
CONTENT COVERED	Math, reading, and writing	Math, reading, and writing
TEST OFFERINGS	Seven times each year	Seven times each year
GUESSING PENALTY	No Guessing Penalty	No Guessing Penalty
SCIENCE SECTION	Yes	No
MATH WEIGHT	25%	50%
CALCULATOR USAGE	Allowed on All Math Questions	Allowed on Some Math Questions
ORDER OF DIFFICULTY	Only Math Goes from Easy to Hard	Only Math Goes from Easy to Hard
BIG CHALLENGE	Time Crunch	Higher-Order Thinking Skills



# ACT SEPTEMBER 2020 Changes

- Students will be able to retake 1-3 individual ACT sections (including Writing), as opposed to needing to retake the entire exam
- Students will only be able to retake individual ACT test sections via computer at approved ACT testing centers
- ACT score reports will provide the option for students to send their best ACT test results to colleges and include a calculated ACT Superscore, as opposed to needing to send multiple complete score reports to colleges



#### HOW TO TAKE Advantage of this **Opportunity**

- All colleges accept the ACT and SAT, so find out early which test is best for you
- There are no test dates when it is easier to earn a competitive score than others, so find out early which test dates are best for you
- Most students take the ACT or SAT 2 or 3 times, with the majority of students scoring higher the second time they take the exams
- You can use Superscoring, if your goal school(s) allow it
- Dedicate an amount of time and effort that is commensurate to the testing opportunity

### TAKE THE ACT OR SAT AT THE TIMES THAT ARE BEST FOR YOU

	JAN	FEB*	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL**	AUG	SEPT	ост	NOV	DEC
ACT		~		~		<b>~</b>	~		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$
SAT			$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	~		$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	~	$\checkmark$

The ACT and SAT are both offered seven times during the year.

\*ACT not offered in New York

\*\*ACT not offered in California or New York

= Question and Answer Service



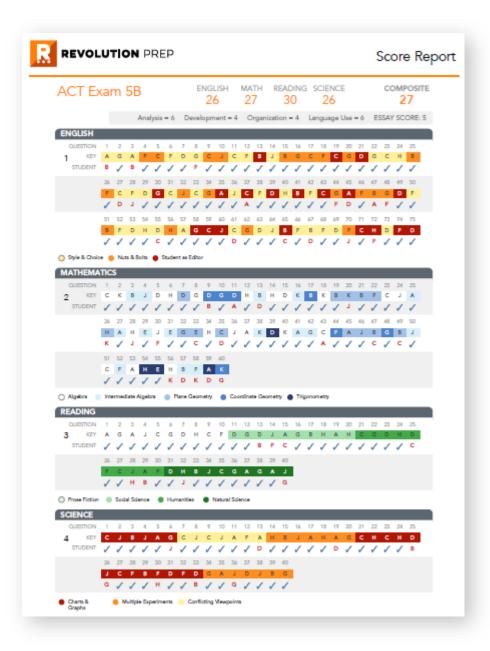
# ONLY PREPARE FOR **ONE EXAM AT A TIME**

ACT™	SAT®	Percentile
36	1570-1600	99+
35	1530-1560	99+
34	1490-1520	99
33	1450-1480	99
32	1420-1440	97-99
31	1390-1410	95-99
30	1360-1380	92-96
29	1330-1350	90-94
28	1300-1320	88-92
27	1260-1290	85-89
26	1230-1250	80-84
25	1200-1220	75-79
24	1160-1190	70-74
23	1130-1150	65-69
22	1100-1120	60-64
21	1060-1090	55-59
20	1030-1050	45-54
19	990-1020	40-44
18	960-980	30-39
17	920-950	25-29

ACT/SAT/PSAT CONCORDANCE TABLE

## WHICH TEST IS **RIGHT FOR YOU?**

- Official PSAT or SAT results, when compared with a practice ACT, can help you learn which test is right for you
- Most students score similarly on both exams
- Your dedicated Revolution Prep Academic Advisor can send you official exams and help you decide whether the ACT or SAT is your "test preference"

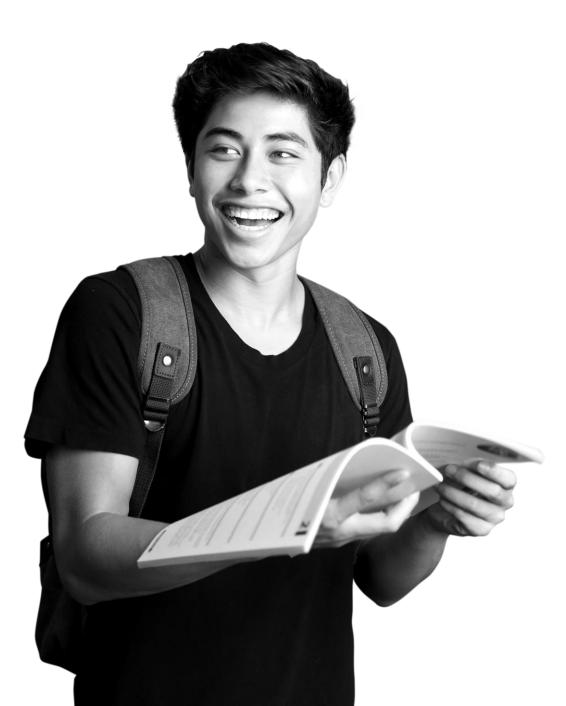


## ALL FAMILIES RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY SCORE REPORT CONSULTATION

- All families have the opportunity to go over their exam results 1-on-1 with their dedicated Revolution Prep Academic Advisor
- This is an opportunity to use your exam results to develop a tailored score improvement plan
- Maximize your time and effort by having a consultation soon after receiving your scores



## KEY TAKEAWAY #4 Start Developing Your testing Plan today



## PLANNING AHEAD ALLOWS US TO DEDICATE THE TIME AND EFFORT NEEDED TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE OUR **TEST SCORES!**

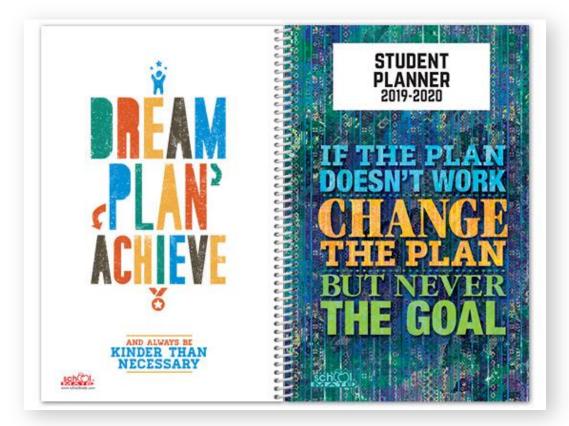
SCHOOL	25 <sup>th</sup> /75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Act	25 <sup>th</sup> /75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Sat
Vanderbilt	33/35	1500/1580
Harvard	33/35	1470/1570
Duke	33/35	1490/1560
Columbia	33/35	1460/1550
Notre Dame	33/35	1410/1540
UC – Berkeley	30/35	1340/1540
US Naval Academy	27/32	1240/1520
Middlebury	31/34	1340/1510
University of Virginia	30/34	1330/1500
University of Miami	30/33	1320/1460
University of Florida	29/33	1300/1440
Florida State	28/32	1290/1400
Virginia Tech	25/30	1180/1360
St. Lawrence	25/30	1170/1350
DePaul	23/28	1060/1260

# IDENTIFY Your goals

- Work with your counselor and parents to set your school list
- Google "admitted student profile" to identify interquartile ranges for GPA and test scores
- Visit colleges that interest you

# DEVELOP A **TESTING PLAN**

- Develop a long-term testing plan with your dedicated Revolution Prep Academic Advisor
- Increase scores and decrease stress by mapping out the plan that works best for you and by staying ahead of the testing timeline
- Aim to finish standardized testing before the beginning of senior year



Scaled Score (2019)	SAT Math Percentile	Math Level 1 Subject Test Percentile	Math Level 2 Subject Test Percentile
800	99	99	78
700	92	73	43
600	75	40	16
500	41	17	4
400	13	4	1
300	1	1	1
200	1	1	1

SAT SUBJECT TEST PERCENTILES (2017-2019 GRADUATING CLASSES)

## FIND OUT IF YOU NEED TO TAKE **SAT SUBJECT TESTS**

- SAT Subject Tests are a great opportunity to stand out from the crowd
- Required at some competitive colleges
- "Recommended" and "Considered" often mean required
- Students can be prepared to take Subject Tests as early as sophomore year

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French	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<b>v</b>	Х	<b>V</b>	V	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>
French w/ Listening	Х	Х	V	Х	Х	Х
German	X	X	Х	Х	X	~
German w/ Listening	X	Х	<b>/</b>	Х	Х	X
Modern Hebrew	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	V
Italian	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>
Japanese w/ Listening	Х	X	V	Х	Х	X
Korean w/ Listening	Х	X	<b>V</b>	X	X	Х
Latin	X	X	Х	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	Х	V
Spanish	V	V	X	<b>V</b>	~	~
Spanish w/ Listening	X	X	~	X	X	X

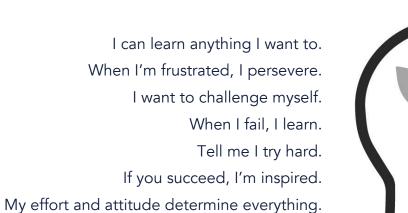
#### SAT SUBJECT TEST DATES (UNITED STATES STUDENTS)

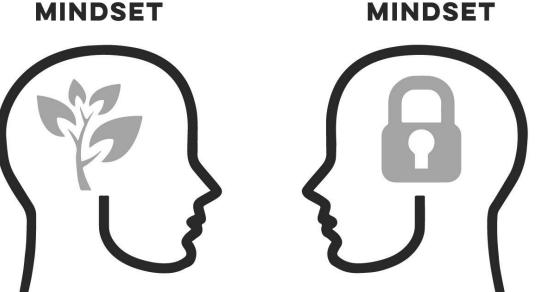
# SAT SUBJECT TEST **BASICS**

- Formally called Achievement Tests (1937-1994) and SAT IIs (1994-2005)
- Single subject focus (20 different subjects)
- 60 minutes
- Multiple choice questions
- There is a penalty for wrong answers
- 200-800 score range
- Offered on SAT dates (with exceptions)
- You can prepare to take Subject Tests at advantageous times (i.e. at the end of the related academic class and/or near when you take the related AP Exam)

## A GROWTH MINDSET will help you follow through on your plan

GROWTH





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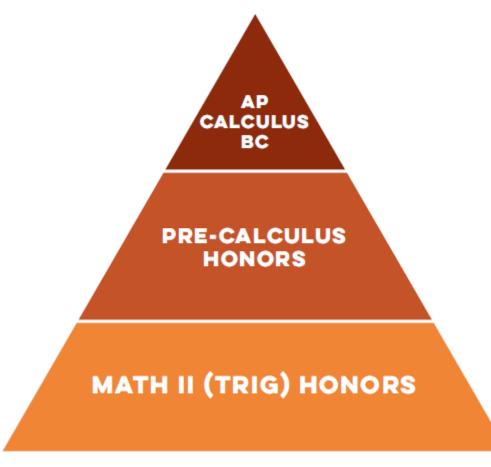
I'm either good at it, or I'm not. When I'm frustrated, I give up. I don't like to be challenged. When I fail, I'm no good. Tell me I'm smart. If you succeed, I feel threatened. My abilities determine everything.



## KEY TAKEAWAY #5 IMPROVE YOUR GRADES WHILE IMPROVING YOUR TEST SCORES



NEVER FORGET THAT YOUR **TRANSCRIPT IS THE DOMINANT FACTOR FOR ADMISSION** 



#### **AP CALCULUS TRAJECTORY**

## HOW TO MAXIMIZE YOUR TRANSCRIPT

- Take the most challenging courses and do well
- Make sure that schoolwork is your top priority
- Stay on top of your homework assignments
- Get the resources and help you need to be successful



## ADDITIONAL TIPS For students

- If you are a **freshman**, do not spend time preparing for college admission tests—focus on your grades; improving core academic skills now will translate to college admission exams later
- If you are a **sophomore**, you may be ready to prepare for SAT Subject Tests in the spring and/or test prep during the summer, but make sure your primary focus is your grades
- If you are a **junior**, place a greater focus on college admission tests—they are a final chance to impress admission officers!, but don't forget that colleges do value an upward grade trend

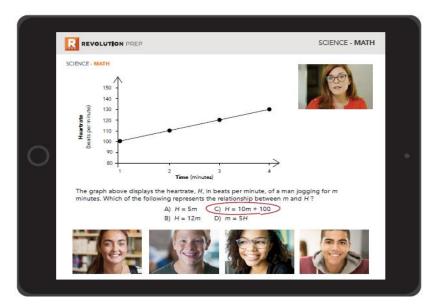
# KEY TAKEAWAY #6 PICK THE PREPARATION OPTION THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU

## PREPARATION OPTIONS SELF-STUDY



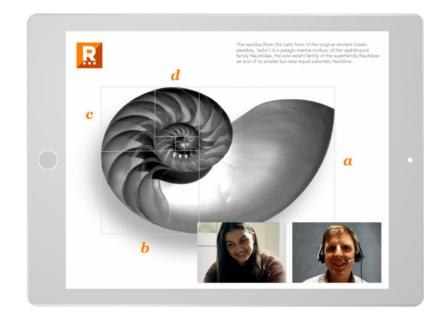
- Can lead to increases if students are motivated to put in time on their own
- Students that spend 20 hours practicing on Khan Academy see average SAT score increases of ~100 points
- Less than 1% of Khan Academy users spend at least 20 hours using the site

## PREPARATION OPTIONS CLASSES



- Student-to-teacher ratio is important
- The right teacher makes a big difference
- A 24-hour group course can increase your score 100-250 points (SAT) or 2-5 points (ACT)

## PREPARATION OPTIONS PRIVATE TUTORING



- Know what makes a great tutor
- For students seeking scores of 1300+ (SAT) or 28+ (ACT)
- For students seeking score improvements of 200+ points (SAT) or 4+ points (ACT)

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