



SAMPLE MATERIAL

Analyzing Your PSAT Score Report

Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter School, Washington, DC

Topic: Using Student Achievement Data to Support Instructional Decision Making

Practice: Student Use of Data

Teachers at Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter School work directly and regularly with students to explain the expectations and objectives of assessments and to help students interpret their results. Staff use the *Analyzing Your PSAT Score Report* tool to help students learn how to analyze and interpret their Preliminary SAT (PSAT) test scores.

Each student completes this tool by analyzing their own PSAT data, comparing it to national scores, and identifying areas of improvement in each content area. This tool varies by grade level. In ninth grade, students are asked to reflect on their prior knowledge of the PSAT. The tool for tenth and eleventh graders does not include this reflection.

Teachers can modify this tool to help students understand, analyze, and reflect on their PSAT or other assessment results.

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Analyzing Your Score Report

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Part I - Your Knowledge

Directions

Complete the K-W-L chart and score projection grid included below.

<u>Know-Want to know-Learned CHART</u>		
What I <u>KNOW</u> about the PSAT	What I <u>WANT TO KNOW</u> about the PSAT	What I <u>LEARNED</u> about the PSAT

<u>PSAT SCORE PREDICTION GRID</u>					
	My Best Areas PREDICTION	My Best Areas ACTUAL	My Percentile Rank PREDICTION	My Percentile Rank GOAL	My ACTUAL Percentile Rank
Critical Reading					
Mathematics					
Writing					

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Part II – Your Scores

Directions

Answer each question using your personalized score report.

1. What were your scores?

Critical Reading: _____

Mathematics: _____

Writing Skills: _____

2. What were your percentiles?

Critical Reading: _____

Mathematics: _____

Writing Skills: _____

3. How do you feel you performed compared to other students across the country?

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Part III - Improve Your Skills

Directions

Answer each question using your personalized score report.

1. Please list one area of improvement listed in the “Improve Your Skills” section for each of the content areas.

Critical Reading

Mathematics

Writing Skills

2. Which of the strategies suggested are you most likely to use during the second semester? Why?

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Part IV– Your Future

Directions

Answer each question using your personalized score report.

1. What was the college major that you selected when you took the PSAT?

2. Read the description of that major. Did the description match your understanding of the major? Are you still interested in that course of study?

3. If you are still interested in this area, what are you doing to develop the skills listed under “Associated Skills”? What can you do in the future to obtain/develop these skills?

4. If you are not interested in this area, how did the description differ from what you want to do in life? What is your new area of interest? What skills do you think you will need to succeed in that area?
