

# EXPLORE Test Results



Understanding Your Student's Score Report and Next Steps

# Agenda

- ∞ **November 18 Explore Test Scores**
  - Student Score Report
  - Benchmarks & Comparison
  
- ∞ **Next Steps**
  - College Admissions Testing at Southwest
  - Remainder of 9<sup>th</sup> grade Year
  
- ∞ **Questions**

# November 18 Explore & Your Student

## ☞ Tuesday, November 18, 2014:

- Morning: Explore Test at Southwest
  - Retired Explore test, from Cambridge
  - Tested in familiar room, with familiar teacher
- Afternoon: Off-Site Team Building Field Trip

## ☞ Follow Up From Test:

- Counselor lesson in classrooms, January 2015
  - Scores returned, review of tests in 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Explored Multiple Intelligences and completed inventory

# Message to Students....

## ∞ Keep in mind:

- You are more than a test score
- First or second timed test
- Each one of you have many other strengths, qualities, talents

## ∞ EXPLORE IS:

- A baseline to determine strength and growth areas
- Practice with “testing conditions”
- Practice to give you home field advantage

# Reading the Report: Composite

Test

Sub-Score

% at or below

TEST	SCORE	PERCENTILE
English	17	31
Mathematics	17	33
Reading	22	58
Science	19	38

- EXPLORE “comp” scores range from 1 to 25, it’s the average of student’s 4 subject test scores.
- Percentile compares student to national results.

COMPOSITE SCORE

19

COMPOSITE  
PERCENTILE RANKING

40

# Reading the Report: The 4 Test Scores

## ENGLISH SUMMARY

## MATHEMATICS SUMMARY

## READING SUMMARY

## SCIENCE SUMMARY

	Right	Wrong	Omitted
Conflicting Viewpoint (CV)	2	5	0
Data Representation (DR)	6	9	0
Research Summary (RS)	4	14	0
<b>TOTAL SCIENCE:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>

Omitted = skipped

TIP for Students: Don't skip ANY question ! When 5 minute warning called, bubble in remaining. ACT has NO penalty for wrong answers.

# Reading the Report: Item Analysis

## ∞ Back Page: Item Analysis

- Question-By-Question report of student's test
- Explore booklets- some here or in CCC, room 104 for students to pick up
- More focus on these in 11<sup>th</sup> grade

∞ Knowing student's areas for growth is useful information to have as student's prepare for future college admission tests.

# Comparing the Score

## College Readiness and Preparation Benchmarks:

- Approx. a 50 percent chance of earning a B or better in college course
- Approx. a 75 percent chance of earning a C or better in college course

## ACT Explore Benchmarks

TEST	ACT EXPLORE BENCHMARK SCORE	
	Grade 8	Grade 9
English	13	14
Mathematics	17	18
Reading	16	17
Science	18	19

## Southwest and National Averages

	SW Average	National Average	% of SW Freshmen at College Ready Level
Composite	17.29	16.2	–
English	16.69	15.7	66%
Math	17.0	16.3	67%
Reading	16.59	15.4	60%
Science	18.2	17.1	63%



# College Admissions Testing



EXPLORE - PLAN - ACT

PSAT - SAT

# College Admission Tests

- ✎ ACT or SAT
- ✎ Measure general academic knowledge and preparation for college-level coursework
- ✎ 4 year colleges: Typically required for admission application
- ✎ 2 year colleges: Often used as a class placement tool to determine registration for 1<sup>st</sup> year
- ✎ Scholarship eligibility

# College Admission Tests

## ∞ ACT

- Take **PLAN** in fall of sophomore year (all)
- Take **prelim-ACT** test in the fall of junior year
- Take official ACT in spring of junior year
- Retest official ACT in fall of senior year

## ∞ SAT

- **PSAT** in fall of sophomore year (optional)
- **PSAT** in fall of junior year (optional)
- Take official ACT/SAT in spring of junior year
- Retest official ACT/SAT in fall of senior year

# College Admission Tests

## ∞ Preparation for ACT/SAT

- Prep Courses
  - Southwest-specific Prep Class for spring Junior Year ACT
  - Community: ACT Ready, MPS Community Education
- Individual Tutoring
  - ACT Ready, Huntington, Sylvan, College Nannies & Tutors
  - Can be pricey
- Online
  - Naviance's PrepMe (ACT, SAT, and PSAT), free!
  - [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- Test Prep Book
  - The Real ACT, Kaplan, Princeton Review

# College Admission Tests

## ∞ Preparation for ACT/SAT

- “Built-in” Prep at Southwest
  - Practice full-length tests in testing conditions (11/18 Explore, Plan, Preliminary ACT)
  - Aggregate data on class strengths and weaknesses assessed by departments, grades to look for curriculum supplements
  - ACT: The best test preparation out there is students’ high school courses.
    - Consider 4 hours on a Saturday morning (ACT or SAT) vs. 4 years of students’ classroom performance
    - Transcript (rigor of coursework and grades earned) #1 for college admissions

# Explore to Plan to ACT

11/18 Explore Score	Estimated Plan Range	<i>Estimated ACT Range</i>	11/18 Explore Score	Estimated Plan Range	<i>Estimated ACT Range</i>
5	10-13	11-17	16	15-18	15-23
6	10-13	11-17	17	16-19	16-24
7	10-13	11-17	18	18-21	19-27
8	10-13	11-17	19	19-23	20-29
9	10-13	11-17	20	20-24	21-30
10	10-13	11-17	21	20-24	21-30
11	11-14	12-18	22	21-25	23-31
12	11-14	12-18	23	21-26	23-32
13	12-15	12-19	24	24-28	26-34
14	13-16	13-20	25	25-29	27-34
15	14-17	24-22			

# Upcoming Events for 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

- ☞ March/April 2015 : Register for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Will take place in school with student/counselor
  - Information to students and parents ahead of time
- ☞ May 2015: AP Human Geography Test
- ☞ Summer 2015: Productive Time Off?
  - Volunteer, STEP-UP Summer Jobs, College Research/Visits, Career Camps, Credit Make-Up
- ☞ October 2015: PSAT (optional, register Sept.)
- ☞ November 2015: PLAN

# Course Options:10 Grade

- ∞ Dual Enrollment options for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade
- ∞ PSEO Options: CTE courses only
  - See SW Counseling website, PSEO, for details
- ∞ College Credits during High School also:
  - AP Classes in 10<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - IT, Marketing/Business/Administration, and Graphic Arts courses at SW



# Questions?



# Resources & SWHS Counseling Team

☞ [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (Explore, Plan, ACT)

☞ [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) (SAT, AP)

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