

Interpreting Practice PSAE Scores

Interpreting Practice Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) scores is really the same as interpreting PSAE scores. The PSAE consists of two days of testing with the first day being a reportable ACT (without Writing); the second day consists of the WorkKeys Applied Mathematics Test, WorkKeys Reading for Information Test and the ISBE Science Test. When you take the actual PSAE next year as a junior, the state will use the results from both days to determine your performance level (exceed standards, meets standards, below standards and academic warning) and to determine if South High School is making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Your combined PSAE score as well as your performance level on the PSAE will be noted on your transcript. The explanation below should help you to interpret your Practice PSAE scores.

ACT

In general, ACT scores range from 1 (low) to 36 (high). For the PSAE students receive not only individual test scores (English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science) but also a Composite Score which ACT determines based upon the scores on each subtest. When examining your subtest scores, the accompanying score report provides valuable information.

The raw scores is the number of questions you answered correctly and the number of questions on the test. For example, if your Test 1-ACT English Raw Score states 25/75 that means that you answered 25 of the 75 English test questions correctly. This is true of the subsection raw scores as well. The scale score is typically the score that educational institutions as well as students look at critically. ACT scores range from 1 to 36 with the higher the number the better. The average 2012 ACT Composite Score in Illinois was 20.9. The average ACT Composite score for the South High School Class of 2012 was 22.3. The National Rank score is simply how your score ranks nationally. The higher your national rank score, the better. For example, if your national rank score is a 95 it means that you scored in the top 95% nationally. The score listed on this practice report is based upon the national rank associated with that score several years ago.

WorkKeys Tests and ISBE Science

In general, WorkKeys scores are determined by the number of questions that you answer correctly. The raw score is simply the number of questions you answered correctly and the number of questions on the test. For example, if your WorkKeys Practice: Applied Mathematics score is 19/33 that means that you answered 19 out of 33 questions correctly. The number of questions that you answer correctly within each level of the test determines a scale score. Scale scores range from <3 (low) to 7 (high). The ISBE Science test does not provide a scale score and therefore is not noted on the score report.