

## ETS Proficiency Profile Summary Report 2014

A total of 51 of 243 (21%) “Sophomore” students completed the ETS Proficiency Profile in the spring of 2014. A sophomore was defined as having 45 or more credit hours, had not been enrolled at Sauk for more than three years, and if they were a transfer student to Sauk, they had taken at least 15 credit hours at SVCC.

Students were given, as an incentive, a \$10 gift card, a drink, and a snack bar for taking the 40 minute test. Additionally, any student who performed better than the national mean score was given a chance to win an iPad Mini to provide extra incentive to work hard during the testing phase.

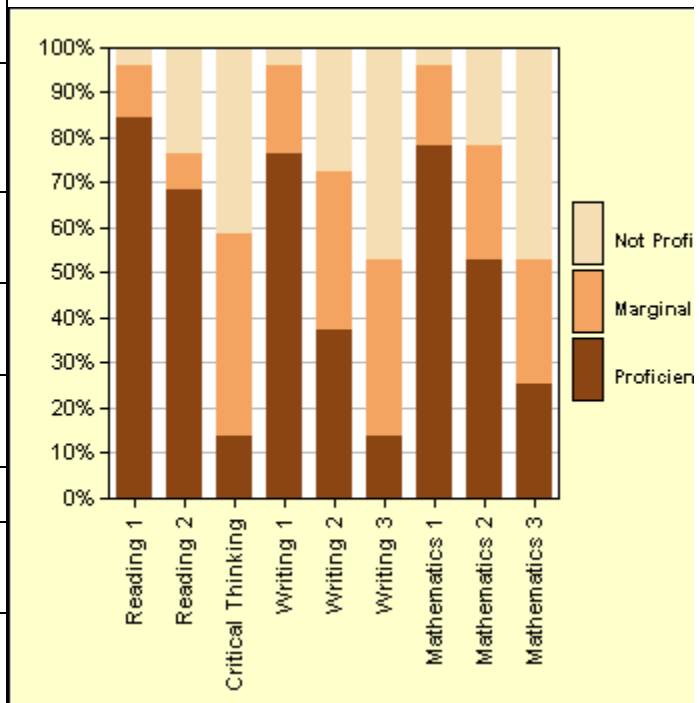
SVCC students did exceptionally well on the ETS Proficiency Profile averaging 460 on the composite score which ranked Sauk students at the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile in the nation. Additionally, Sauk did very well in the subcategories of critical thinking, reading, writing, and mathematics. It is possible that there was selection bias as the students who took the test had better GPAs and ACT scores than the non-takers. However, when this was adjusted for, SVCC students still performed exceptionally well averaging an adjusted 452 composite score, still one of the best composite scores in the nation.

Table 1. Shows the combined statistics for the 51 students who completed the test.

	Possible Range	Mean Score	95% Confidence Limits* for Mean	Standard Deviation	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile
<b>Total Score</b>	400 to 500	<b>460.39</b>	457 to 464	21.92	445	464	474
<b>Skills Subscores:</b>							
<b>Critical Thinking</b>	100 to 130	<b>115.39</b>	114 to 117	6.40	110	116	121
<b>Reading</b>	100 to 130	<b>122.18</b>	120 to 124	6.49	119	125	128
<b>Writing</b>	100 to 130	<b>116.69</b>	115 to 118	4.73	113	118	119
<b>Mathematics</b>	100 to 130	<b>118.12</b>	117 to 120	6.55	112	119	124
<b>Context-Based Subscores:</b>							
<b>Humanities</b>	100 to 130	<b>118.29</b>	116 to 120	6.27	115	119	123
<b>Social Sciences</b>	100 to 130	<b>117.29</b>	116 to 119	6.65	111	118	123
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	100 to 130	<b>118.06</b>	116 to 120	5.26	116	120	123

## ETS® Proficiency Profile

Skill Dimension	Proficiency Classification		
	Proficient	Marginal	Not Proficient
<b>Reading, Level 1</b>	84%	12%	4%
<b>Reading, Level 2</b>	69%	8%	24%
<b>Critical Thinking</b>	14%	45%	41%
<b>Writing, Level 1</b>	76%	20%	4%
<b>Writing, Level 2</b>	37%	35%	27%
<b>Writing, Level 3</b>	14%	39%	47%
<b>Mathematics, Level 1</b>	78%	18%	4%
<b>Mathematics, Level 2</b>	53%	25%	22%
<b>Mathematics, Level 3</b>	25%	27%	47%



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