

College Board Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test 8/9 (PSAT 8/9)

Grades/Students

Selected students in Grades 8 & 9

Date

The assessment may be administered in October of each school year or during the College Board's Fall testing window.

Description

The PSAT 8/9 is a standardized, norm-referenced baseline achievement test that measures student progress towards college readiness. It is a 2-hour and 25-minute test. The Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section has two parts: the Reading Test (42 questions) and the Writing and Language Test (40 questions) both focusing on the skills and knowledge learned in the classroom. All questions are multiple choice and based on passages. The Math Sections are multiple-choice with four options. The Math section includes multiple-choice and gridded-response questions and is divided into two portions: Math Test with Calculator (25 questions) and Math Test without Calculator (13 questions). The PSAT compares a student's abilities and general academic development with other students throughout the nation who are planning to attend college. Schools may choose to administer this test to their 8th and/or 9th graders on the same day as the District's PSAT/NMSQT administration or during the College Board's testing window. Schools must pay the \$10 fee to administer this test.

Results

For each section, scale scores ranging from 120 to 720 are provided six to eight weeks after the administration. National percentile ranks are provided so that students may compare their performance with that of other students in their grade level.

Basis of Test

Grade 8/9 – Optional

Website

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/inside-the-test>

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