

PSAT 8/9 INFORMATION SHEET

The PSAT 8/9 helps students determine what they need to work on most so that they're ready for college when they graduate from high school—and it supports educators as they guide the way.

The PSAT 8/9 tests the same skills and knowledge as the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and PSAT 10—in a way that makes sense for eighth and ninth graders. It measures what they're already learning, shows them whether they're on track for college, and lets them know where they need the most improvement. That means students have time to tackle these areas long before they take the SAT.

As this year's ninth graders get ready to take the PSAT 8/9 in October, here are a few important things to know about the test:

1. **It helps students prepare for the SAT**, which, like the PSAT 8/9, was redesigned to measure the skills and knowledge that matter most for college and career success to better reflect what students are learning in class. The PSAT 8/9 is closely aligned, both in content and format, to the SAT. This means that students will get excellent practice for the SAT - an important part of the college admissions process.
2. **Today's students can take advantage of free practice tools** that used to not be available. The College Board and Khan Academy are now offering personalized, online practice for the SAT at no cost to students. And because the SAT and PSAT 8/9 are so closely aligned, these tools are useful for both tests. Once students get their PSAT 8/9 test scores, they'll be able to link them to Khan Academy for additional personalized practice recommendations.
3. **It provides valuable information about students' progress toward college readiness.** The PSAT 8/9 is one in a series of assessments that measure the same skills and knowledge at different grade levels. These assessments are scored on a common scale, so it's easy to see the progress students are making from year to year. And when teachers have a baseline measurement of academic strengths and weaknesses before students reach 12th grade, they are better equipped to provide the individual support students need to graduate ready to succeed in college and career.

There are so many reasons to take the PSAT 8/9. Mayfield High School will be administering the PSAT 8/9 on October 12th, 2022 for all current 9th graders. No sign-up is required.