Dear Parent or Guardian,

Lake County Schools will administer the PSAT 8/9 on October 14 to students in grade 8.  The PSAT 8/9 is the first test in the SAT Suite of Assessments. Tightly aligned with SAT and PSAT/NMSQT, it establishes a baseline for college and career readiness.  The PSAT 8/9 will support all students with early feedback on the skills and knowledge that matter most for college and career success. Educators will have an early opportunity to:

* Measure and follow student performance
* Ensure students are on target to achieve college and career readiness
* Pinpoint areas for development

Calculator Policy and Tips for PSAT 8/9

* Students are strongly encouraged to bring a calculator to the PSAT 8/9 on test day, whether or not they plan to use it.
* Take a calculator you are comfortable using. Don't buy a new one just for the test.
* Don't try to use the calculator on every question. No question requires one.
* Decide how to solve each problem before deciding whether to use a calculator.
* Practice sample questions with a calculator on hand.

Approved Calculators

* Four-Function Calculators (approved, but not recommended)
* Scientific Calculators
* Most Graphing Calculators

## **Calculators Not Permitted**

* Pocket organizer
* Hand-held or laptop computer
* Electronic writing pad, tablet, or pen input device
* Calculator with a QWERTY (typewriter-like) keypad
* Calculator with paper tape
* Calculator that makes noises or "talks"
* Calculator with a power cord or that requires an outlet

For a complete list of approved calculators, please go to <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/taking-the-test/test-day-checklist/approved-calculators>.  If you have questions, please contact Ms. Bourgeois at 352.787.3232, bourgeoisa@lake.k12.fl.us

You may visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/test-design> for additional information about the PSAT.

Thank you,

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