



Dear Parents of Current 8th Grade Students,

Stafford Middle School 8th grade students will take the Preliminary SAT 8/9 (PSAT 8/9) on October 17, 2019. The PSAT™ 8/9 is the first test in the SAT Suite of Assessments. Designed for eighth and ninth-graders and tightly aligned with the SAT® and PSAT/NMSQT®, the PSAT 8/9 establishes a baseline for college and career readiness as students enter high school. Stafford Municipal School District funds this initiative for 8th grade students in an effort to better prepare them for college level entry exams.

The PSAT 8/9 measures the reading, writing and language, and math skills students need for college and a career. Calculators will be supplied by the campus for the PSAT 8/9 so students will only need to bring number 2 pencils and an eraser.

On October 17, 2019, students will report to school and look for testing rosters in the hallways. Students will report directly to their testing rooms where attendance will be taken. It is essential that everyone is on time so that we may begin testing by 8:00am. It is a timed test and the start time cannot be delayed. We encourage students to get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast prior to testing so they are focused and ready.

Students can prepare for the PSAT 8/9 by doing their best in school. Students may also visit Khan Academy at www.satpractice.org to create a free account to access personalized practice recommendations based on previous years' test results or the results of a series of diagnostic tests. Students may link their Khan Academy account to their [College Board](#) account to receive personalized practice suggestions based on scores of any previous College Board assessment.

Stafford Municipal School District also offers a free online tutorial service through [ESCO Learning Express](#). Username: staffordmsd Password: learn

We hope that you will take time to review all available resources and help your student prepare for their upcoming test.

Thank you,

Ginny Gayle

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Stafford Middle School



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Links for Access:

Khan Academy <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

College Board <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/khan-academy>

Learning Express:

<https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,uid&profile=lexlib&groupid=main>