It is imperative that we stress the importance of the PSAT 8/9 to students

Value to the student
- Preparation for sequential coursework,
- Reading portion for driver’s license,
- AP Potential analysis,
- Link to Kahn Academy for personalized tutorial

Valuable data
- Will assist in curriculum alignment,
- Strengthen classroom focus and practice,
- Identify skill sets required for sequential standards and coursework

Sustainability
- Purposeful Focus
- Consistency
- Research founded
- Accessibility of resources
Prepare for the 2020 PSAT™ 8/9
What Is the PSAT 8/9?
Some Key Facts

• The PSAT™ 8/9 is designed for **8th- and 9th-grade students**.

• The PSAT 8/9 is a test that will help educators and students figure out **what students need to work on most** so that they are ready for college when they graduate from high school.

• Scores for the SAT® Suite of Assessments (SAT, PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and PSAT 8/9) are reported on a common vertical scale, allowing educators and students to **measure progress**.

• Test length: 2 hours and 25 minutes.

• There’s **no penalty for guessing** or blank responses, also known as “rights-only scoring.”
Benefits of the PSAT 8/9

The PSAT 8/9 establishes a baseline measurement of college and career readiness.

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 each grade level.

Personalized practice on Khan Academy® gives students age 13 and over the opportunity to upload their test results to receive targeted learning plans that students can use to learn more about and practice the skills they need to improve.

The score reports will give students comprehensive, personalized feedback on test performance, allowing students to see which questions were answered incorrectly (with exceptions) and which academic skills they should work to improve.

Information on college majors and career exploration is offered by the College Board and Roadtrip Nation.
The PSAT 8/9 is given in two grades.

Grade 9 – April 14\textsuperscript{th}

Grade 8 – April 16\textsuperscript{th}
Skills Tested on the PSAT 8/9
Skills Tested

- Reading Test
- Writing and Language Test
- Math Test

Each test assesses the academic skills that students developed over the years, primarily through coursework.

These skills are considered essential for success in high school, college, and career.
Reading Test

- 42 passage-based questions; 55 minutes
- 4 single passages and 1 pair of passages

Quick Facts
- All questions are multiple choice and based on passages.
- Some passages are paired with other passages or informational graphics such as charts, graphs, and tables.
- No mathematical computation is required.
- Prior topic-specific knowledge is never tested.
Reading Test

What to Expect

The Reading Test always includes:

- One passage from a classic or contemporary work of U.S. or world literature

- One passage or a pair of passages from either a U.S. founding document or a text in the great global conversation they inspired. The U.S. Constitution or a speech by Nelson Mandela, for example

- A selection about economics, psychology, sociology, or some other social science

- Two science passages (or one passage and one passage pair) that examine foundational concepts and developments in Earth science, biology, chemistry, or physics
Writing and Language Test

- 40 passage-based questions; 30 minutes
- 4 passages

Quick Facts
- All questions are multiple choice and based on passages.
- Some passages are paired with informational graphics such as charts, graphs, and tables.
- No mathematical computation is required.
- Prior topic-specific knowledge is never tested.
- The Writing and Language Test is part of the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section.
What to Expect

The Writing and Language Test puts students in the active role of an editor who is improving a written passage. Most questions ask students to decide which, if any, of the three alternatives to an underlined part of a passage most improves it.
Math Test

- 2 test sections; 60 minutes
- 38 questions (31 multiple choice, 7 grid-ins)

Quick Facts

- Most math questions will be multiple choice, but some will be student-produced responses (grid-ins).
- The Math Test is divided into two portions: Math Test – Calculator and Math Test – No Calculator.
- Some parts of the test will present a scenario and then ask several questions about it.
What to Expect

The Math Test focuses on the math that matters most for college and career readiness. To succeed on the Math Test, students will need to demonstrate mathematical practices, such as problem solving and using appropriate tools strategically.
Students: Know Your Calculator

- A scientific or graphing calculator is recommended.
- Students should bring a familiar calculator. Test day is not the time to figure out how to use a new calculator.
Additional Calculator Tips for Students

• Don’t try to use the calculator on every question—no question requires one.

• Decide how to solve each problem; then decide whether to use a calculator.

• Make sure your calculator is in good working order and that batteries are fresh.

• Students will not be permitted to use laptops or other computers, tablets, cell phones, or smartphones, etc. Please reference the student guide for a complete list.
How Does the PSAT 8/9 Connect to the PSAT 10, the PSAT/NMSQT, and the SAT?

**Content and Domain Alignment**
All tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments (SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9) are aligned to the same research backbone and focus on the same domain of knowledge and skills.

**Scoring**
All tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments are on a common score scale that provides consistent feedback, enabling teachers to adjust instruction to better support students who are ahead or behind.
How to Prepare for the PSAT 8/9
Know How the PSAT 8/9 Is Scored

Rights-Only Scoring
- 1 point for each correct answer
- 0 points deducted for each incorrect or blank question

Math Grid-ins
- Enter answers as (reduced) fractions or decimals.
- If rounding a decimal, make sure to use every box.

Scale
- 120–720 for each test section
- 240–1440 for the total score
Preparation Starts in School

Read
Continuous reading improves vocabulary and develops essential skills.

Take Challenging Courses
This will help students to develop and strengthen their critical thinking skills.
Resources/Results
Personalized Skills Information

The PSAT 8/9 Score Report
• Contains information to help students improve their academic skills.
• Lists skills that students have the best chance of improving with additional work.
• Connects students to personalized practice recommendations on Khan Academy.

AP Potential
• https://k12reports.collegeboard.org/login
Your Summary Score Report

Get Your Full Score Report Online
psat.org/myscore

Hi, Ima B. Student
School Name: John F. Kennedy High School
YOUR SCORE TODAY

Your Total Score
900 | 240 to 1440
You are in the 55th percentile
You scored equal to or higher than 55% of students

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score
460 | 120 to 720
You are in the 59th percentile
Your score shows that you're on track to be ready for college.

Your Math Score
440 | 120 to 720
You are in the 49th percentile

Your Test Scores*

|  | 8 to 38
| Reading |
| 23 |
| Writing and Language |
| 22.0 |
| 5 to 28 |

*Additional detailed scores, like the test sections,

psat.org/myscore

Go online for your full report

Ima,
this was your score when you took the test;
it is not a measure of how far you can grow!
Here’s what else is waiting for you online:

1. A link to free personalized practice on Khan Academy
   Share your scores with Khan Academy to get your personalized practice.

2. A list of the challenging courses you’re ready for
   Congrats! Your scores show you’re ready to succeed in AP courses.

3. Roadtrip Nation
   Roadmap to Careers lets you explore careers and majors that align with your personal interests and connects you to compatible schools on BigFuture.

You’re On Your Way

Congrats! You made a smart move when you took the PSAT NMSQT.

Now invite your parents along for the ride—point them to a website where they can:

- Get college planning tips.
- Sign up for email and text reminders.
- Browse FAQs.

Topics include scholarships, financial aid, high school coursework, and more.

Tell your parents about collegeboard.org/parents.

Sign Up Today
A PARENT’S GUIDE TO COLLEGE
# Your Question-Level Feedback

## Questions Overview

### Reading
- **Total Questions:** 42
- **Correct Answers:** 24
- **Incorrect Answers:** 16

### Writing and Language
- **Total Questions:** 40
- **Correct Answers:** 24
- **Incorrect Answers:** 14

### Math - No Calculator
- **Total Questions:** 13
- **Correct Answers:** 5

### Math - Calculator
- **Total Questions:** 25
- **Correct Answers:** 11
- **Incorrect Answers:** 10

### Math - No Calculator
- **Total Questions:** 10
- **Correct Answers:** 5

### Key
- Correct
- Incorrect

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satpractice.org

For general information about the PSAT 8/9, please visit:

psat.org/8-9

Skills on the exam visit:

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