

# PSAT™ 8/9



## Establish a College Readiness Baseline

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®, PSAT/NMSQT®, and PSAT™ 10, the PSAT 8/9 establishes a baseline for college and career readiness as students enter high school.

The PSAT 8/9 measures the reading, writing and language, and math skills you need for college and a career. After the test, you'll receive feedback on how ready you are for college along with tools to help you improve.

## Why Should You Take the PSAT™ 8/9?

### Free SAT® Practice Powered by Khan Academy®

You'll receive unique SAT practice recommendations based on your performance on the PSAT 8/9 that feature:

- + Personalized online practice tailored to your strengths and weaknesses.
- + Detailed feedback on your progress.
- + Free access — anytime, anywhere!

Visit [collegeboard.org/psatpractice](https://collegeboard.org/psatpractice) to learn more.

### Access to College Planning Resources

Your PSAT 8/9 results will connect you to valuable resources that include:

- + An interactive score report.
- + A detailed personality test to help you find majors and careers that fit your talents and interests.
- + Tools allowing you to search for and explore colleges, majors, scholarships, and more.

### Connect to AP®

The PSAT 8/9 helps identify students who are likely to succeed in two AP® courses: AP World History and AP European History. Students who succeed in AP courses:

- + Are more likely to succeed in college.
- + Have the opportunity to save money on credit-granting and placement policies.

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## Program Details

### Scoring

- + Scores on a scale of 240 to 1440
- + Uses rights-only scoring, which means you get scored only on correct answers

### Assessment Format

- + No essays
- + Paper and pencil
- + Total testing time: 2 hours and 25 minutes
- + Three multiple-choice sections:

#### Reading Test

42 questions/tasks (55 minutes)

#### Writing and Language Test

40 questions/tasks (30 minutes)

#### Math Test

38 questions/tasks (60 minutes)

## 2015-16 PSAT 8/9 Testing Windows

Fall: Sept. 28, 2015, through Jan. 29, 2016

Spring: Feb. 22 through March 4, 2016

## Get Started

Early in the fall, be sure to talk to your school counselor about signing up for the test.