
The PSAT 8/9 Helps Your Child Start the Journey to College



Illinois public school students in grade 9 will take the PSAT[™] 8/9 during a school day in the spring of 2023. PSAT 8/9 scores help guide your child's academic progress and provide an early indication of college readiness. **The test also helps students and parents/guardians:**

Recognize Strengths

Data from the PSAT 8/9 may provide insight into your child's strengths and what skills they should acquire.

Choose High School Courses

Knowing their strengths and what skills they should acquire can help you and your child choose the right classes as they progress through high school. Data from the PSAT 8/9 may help determine whether they're ready for college-level Advanced Placement[®] (AP[®]) courses starting their sophomore year.

Learn About Opportunities

You and your child can start receiving information to help plan for college. The College Board's college planning website, BigFuture[™], helps students find and apply to colleges and guides them toward resources that can help them pay for college. Learn more at bigfuture.org.

For more information about how the PSAT 8/9 can help you and your child plan for their future, visit psat.org/8-9.

PSAT 8/9 Frequently Asked Questions

Where can my child see their PSAT™ 8/9 scores?

Students can see their scores for all the PSAT-related assessments online at studentscores.collegeboard.org. They'll need to create a free College Board online account if they don't already have one.

When will my child's test scores be available?

Students will receive an email at the address associated with their College Board online account when their scores are available.

Do colleges see my child's PSAT 8/9 scores?

The College Board does not send PSAT 8/9 scores to colleges.

These scores are not intended to be part of college admission decisions. They should not be included on student transcripts that will be reproduced and sent to colleges unless the student (if 18 or older) or parent/guardian has granted permission.

What information is included in the online score reports?

Score reports give students and teachers valuable information to help make sure students will be ready for college-level work once they graduate from high school.

Online score reports are electronic summaries of students' scores on the PSAT 8/9 that clearly pinpoint the areas they need to work on most as well as where they're excelling. Students can access these reports by logging in to their College Board online account.

What are the college readiness benchmarks?

Students will see a benchmark for each section of the PSAT 8/9. Benchmarks are the scores that represent college readiness. In other words, students who score at or above the benchmark are on track to be ready for college when they graduate from high school.

Students who score below the benchmark still have time to work on their skills. The detailed feedback on their online score reports allows students to see which skills need the most improvement.

For additional information on the PSAT 8/9 and helping your child plan for college, visit psat.org/8-9.