

Prepare for the 2016-17 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**
- » 2 hours and 25 minutes*
- » **No penalty for guessing** or blank responses also known as “rights-only scoring”

*an additional variable section of 20 minutes may be included

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 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 and which academic skills should work to improve on



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2016-17 PSAT 8/9 Test Dates

8th and 9th grade students
in FBISD

will take the PSAT 8/9

Wednesday, October 19th, 2016

A person is shown from the back, reading a newspaper. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The person's hands are visible, holding the paper. The newspaper text is partially legible, with the word 'SYDNEY' appearing in a large font. The overall scene suggests a student engaged in reading, which is a key skill tested on the PSAT.

Skills Tested on the PSAT™ 8/9

 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 and college and career.

Reading Test

- » **42 passage based questions; 55 minutes**
- » **Total of 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**

» **Total of 4 passages**

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- › 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

Writing and Language Test

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**
- » **38 Questions** (31 multiple choice, 7 grid-ins, 2 sections, 60 minutes)

quick facts

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

Math Test

What to expect?

The Math Test focuses on the math that matters most to 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

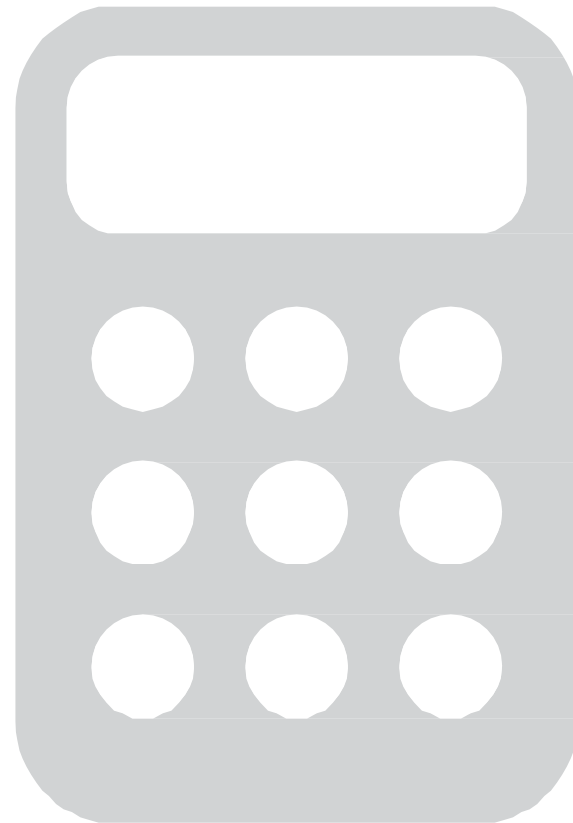


math section

Math Test –Calculator

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.

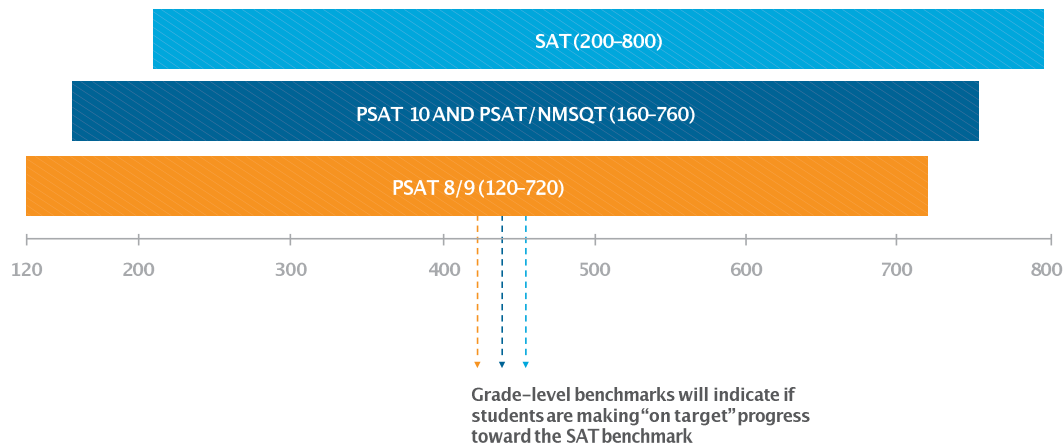
How does the PSAT™ 8/9 connect to the PSAT/NMSQT® and the SAT®?

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.

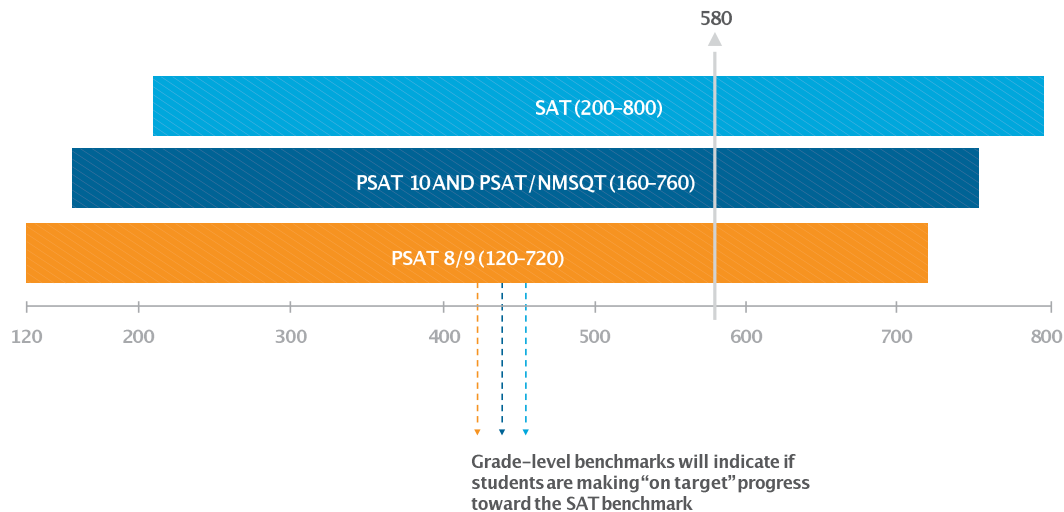
Scoring:

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 does the PSAT™ 8/9 connect to the PSAT 10, PSAT/NMSQT® and the SAT®?

The score students get on the PSAT 8/9 is the same score they would have gotten on the PSAT™ 10, PSAT/NMSQT or SAT if it was taken on the same day.



Take control of your learning by working on the skills you choose at your own pace with free online courses.



Algebra

UP NEXT: **Parabolas**

Practice 

How to Prepare for the PSAT™ 8/9



Sharpen your skills with over 100,000 interactive exercises.

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

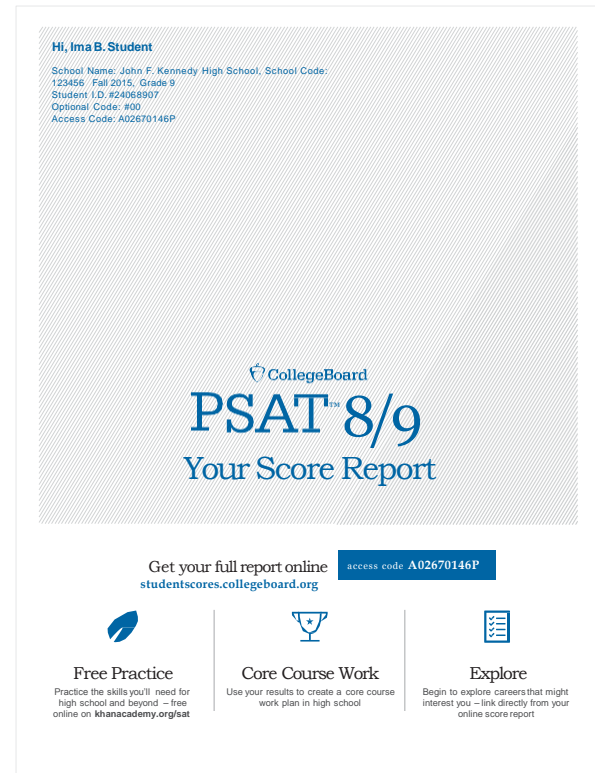
Scale

- » 120 – 720 for each test section
- » 240 – 1440 for the total score

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.**



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.

Official SAT Practice with Khan Academy® – It's FREE!

- + Sign up for Official SAT Practice for free
 - www.satpractice.org
- + Complete practice problems and diagnostic quizzes
- + Link your College Board and Khan Academy accounts.
 - All SAT Suite results will be sent to further customize practice on Khan Academy using actual results.

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PROVIDING WORLD-CLASS
FREE SAT® PREPARATION
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What steps will I follow to link my College Board account to Khan Academy®?



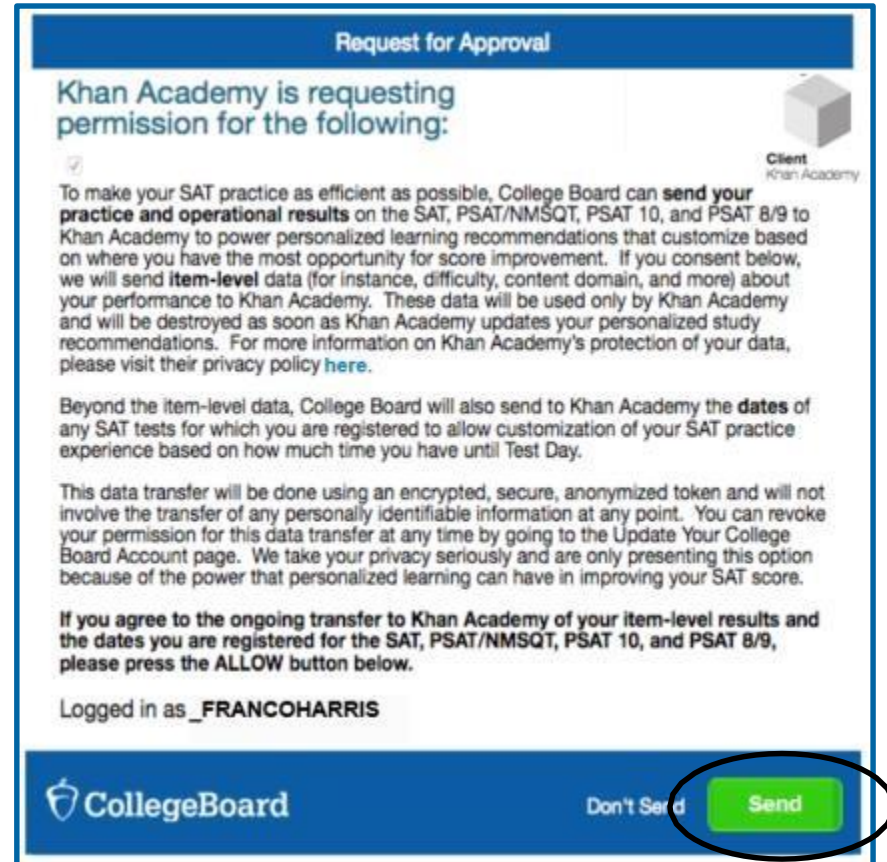
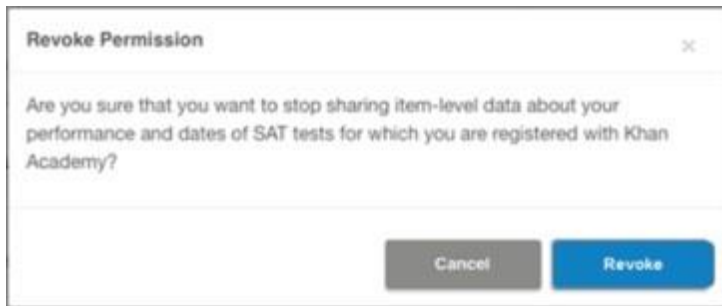
- + **Step 1:** Log in or create a Khan Academy Account
- + **Step 2:** When prompted; agree to link your Khan Academy and College Board account. You will then be directed to **collegeboard.org**.
- + **Step 3:** Sign in or create a College Board Account
- + **Step 4:** When prompted; hit “Send” to authorize the account linking
- + **Step 5:** Start practicing on Official SAT practice on Khan Academy!

Did you take the SAT as a part of Duke TIP in the 7th Grade?

- + You may already have a College Board Account.
- + You should check your Duke TIP SAT scores for any information about an existing College Board Account.
- + If you set up a new College Board Account and find once you are in that you can not see your PSAT 8/9 scores you should call College Board at **1-866-433-7728** for more information.
- + Call College Board during regular business hours to gain login information.

How can I Link my College Board and Khan Academy® Accounts?

- + After successfully logging in to your College Board account, you will be asked to authorize the account linking.
- + After clicking “Send,” you will be redirected to SAT practice on the Khan Academy site.
- + You can remove the link at any time, by clicking on “Revoke” which is found in College Board account settings.



When Should I Take the SAT®?

- + Most students take the SAT in the spring of their junior year.



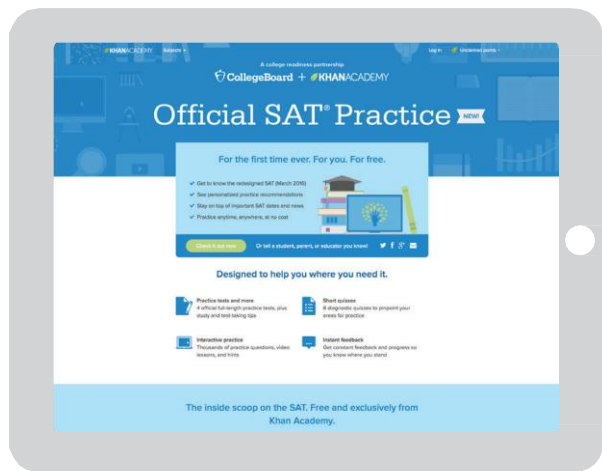
A photograph of students in a classroom, overlaid with a blue tint. In the foreground, a young man on the left is looking at a tablet computer. A young woman on the right is smiling and looking at a notebook on the desk, holding a pencil. Other students are visible in the background, some looking at their phones. The overall scene is educational and collaborative.

Resources

What Additional Resources Will Help Me Prepare for My Future?

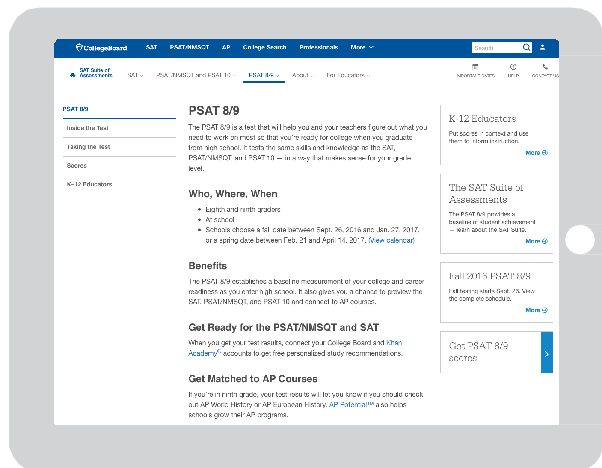
- + BigFuture™
 - College Action Plan
 - College Search
 - Scholarships
 - Financial Aid
- + MyRoad™ Personality explorer
- + Student Search Service®

The screenshot shows the CollegeBoard website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for CollegeBoard, SAT, AP, College Planning, College Search, and Store. Below this, there are tabs for My Score Reports, Full Reports, and AP Potential. The main content area displays a 'Score Report for PSAT/NMSQT' with a total score of 880, a score range of 840-920, and a score of 760. A dropdown menu is open, listing various resources: Make an Action Plan, AP & Core Coursework, College Search, Majors & Career Profiles, My Personality, Pay for College, SAT Practice, SAT Registration, and Scholarships.



For personalized resources aligned to the SAT® Suite of Assessments (including PSAT™ 8/9, PSAT™ 10 and PSAT/NMSQT®), please visit:

khanacademy.org/sat



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

psat.org/8-9

A young woman with dark hair and glasses is smiling while reading a book. She is wearing a denim jacket and has her arms crossed over the book. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text "Good Luck!" is written in a large, white, serif font across the center of the image.

Good Luck!