



Why Is the PSAT 8/9 Important?

The PSAT™ 8/9 is a part of the College Board SAT® Suite of Assessments, and will be delivered digitally beginning in the 2023-24 school year. The PSAT 8/9 measures the knowledge and skills that students are learning in high school and that matter most for college and career readiness.

The PSAT 8/9 helps students get recognized, show what they know and can do, and connect to college and career opportunities and scholarships:

- 1 Provides clear information and recommended steps to help students build and expand academic strengths, skills, and knowledge important for college and career readiness.** The assessment measures the knowledge and skills in reading, writing, and math that students learn in the classroom—the same knowledge and skills for preparation and success after high school.
- 2 Encourages familiarity with the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT.** PSAT 8/9 test takers will know what to expect on the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT and become familiar with the test questions and format of the tests. All tests measure the same knowledge and skills and ask the same types of questions.
- 3 Provides free, personalized practice resources.** Students can download the **Bluebook™ app** and learn about the testing application in Test Preview, and take a full-length test in the same application that's used on test day. Khan Academy® has developed additional content including videos, articles, and completed examples for the digital PSAT/NMSQT and SAT.
- 4 Shows which AP® Program courses students are ready for.** To help build on important skills and knowledge, the PSAT 8/9 score report indicates which college-level AP courses a student has the potential to succeed in.

College Board's **BigFuture®** resources complement PSAT 8/9 and SAT Suite of Assessments and can help every student search for careers and colleges that fit their interests; stand out for recognition, find scholarships, grants, and loans that they qualify for; and plan for their post-high school experiences. Students can access details about **BigFuture Scholarships, College Search, Explore Careers, and National Recognition Programs.**

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