

# PSAT™ 8/9



## The PSAT 8/9 in Sanger Unified

In the fall/winter of 2016, Sanger Unified School District will be offering the newly designed PSAT 8/9 for ALL 8th grade students in the district.

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. It tests the same skills and knowledge as the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and PSAT 10 — in a way that makes sense for your grade level.

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/psat-practice](http://collegeboard.org/psat-practice) 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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## Inside the Test

The PSAT 8/9 is highly relevant to your future success and focuses on the skills and knowledge at the heart of education. It measures:

- + What you learn in school
- + What you need to succeed in college

### How to Get Ready

You don't have to discover secret tricks or cram the night before.

The same habits and choices that lead to success in school will help you get ready for the PSAT 8/9 and other tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments. The best way to prepare is to:

- + Take challenging courses
- + Do your homework
- + Prepare for tests and quizzes
- + Ask and answer lots of questions

In short, take charge of your education and learn as much as you can

## 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)