

2020-21 PSAT™ 8/9 Test Day Schedule

(ISBE-sponsored for grade 9)

Activity	Time	Description
Administrative Activities	30 minutes	Distribute test materials, provide test instructions, and read the test script aloud.

Testing Begins

Total Testing Time: not including breaks = 2 hours, 25 minutes (including breaks and administrative activities = 3 hours, 5 minutes)

Section	Time	Number of Questions/Prompts	Passage Word Count
Reading Test	55 minutes	42 multiple-choice questions (4 answer options)	500-750 words per passage or paired set
Break: 5 Minutes			
Writing and Language Test	30 minutes	40 multiple-choice questions (4 answer options)	350-400 words per passage
Math Test-No Calculator	20 minutes	13 questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple-choice (4 answer options) • Student-produced response (SPR; grid-in) 	N/A
Break: 5 Minutes			
Math Test-Calculator*	40 minutes	25 questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple-choice (4 answer options) • Student-produced response (SPR; grid-in) 	N/A

* PSAT 8/9 Calculator Policy: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/taking-the-test/test-day-checklist/approved-calculators>