
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.