

# SAT Suite of Assessments

## School Year 2019-2020 Testing Dates

**Fall PSAT 8/9:** School selected date, Optional for students in grade 9

**Fall PSAT/NMSQT:** October 16, Optional for students in grades 10-11

**Fall School Day SAT:** October 16, Optional for students in grades 12

**Spring SAT:** April 14 (Make up April 28), **Required** for students in grade 11

**Spring PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10:** April 15 (Make up April 28), **Required** for students in grades 9-10

### What is the SAT Suite of Assessments?

The redesigned SAT Suite of Assessments is an integrated system made up of these tests:

- PSAT 8/9: Establishes a baseline measurement of college and career readiness as students enter high school. It helps students and educators determine what students need to work on most in math, reading, writing, social science, and science.
- PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10: The same test, offered at different times of year. They serve as check-ins on student progress and pinpoint areas for development.
- SAT: Accepted by all U.S. colleges and universities, it is an opportunity for students to show colleges they've got what it takes to succeed on campus.

These tests measure the same skills and knowledge in ways that make sense for different grade levels, so it's easier for students, parents, and educators to monitor student progress.

### Categories Assessed in the SAT Suite of Assessments

<b>Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Words in Context</li> <li>● Command of Evidence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Expression of Ideas</li> <li>● Standard English Conventions</li> </ul>	<b>Mathematics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Heart of Algebra</li> <li>● Passport to Advanced Math</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Problem Solving &amp; Data Analysis</li> <li>● Additional Topics in Math</li> </ul>
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### What are the purposes of these assessments?

- To locate individual skill levels; strengths/challenges
- To demonstrate academic growth over time
- To guide classroom instruction
- To qualify for college scholarships and assistance
- To showcase learning for college entrance
- To recognize AP potential

### When is the assessment given?

PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and SAT are required in the spring. In the fall, schools are encouraged to provide the PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT to provide baseline data to guide instruction and SAT to provide grade 12 students an opportunity to retest.

### How long does it take to complete the test?

PSAT 8/9: 2 hours 25 minutes  
 PSAT 10, PSAT/NMSQT: 2 hours 45 minutes  
 SAT: 3 hours 50 minutes (with 50 min essay)

### Who should be tested?

All students in grades 9 through 11 in SIS at the time of spring testing **must** be tested.

- This includes foreign exchange students and student in grade 11 again who tested in 2018.
- This includes homeschooled students who are receiving instruction in ELA and/or math from the public school.
- **NEW** English Learners (ELs) identified as "First Year in U.S. School" must take all ELA sections, including the essay, in addition to math. But, scores will not be included for accountability in either content area.

Exceptions:

- Some grade 11 students take DLM-AA, the alternate assessment, instead of SAT.
- Homeschooled students who are **not** receiving instruction in ELA and/or math from the public school may **not** test.

### How are results reported?

Fall PSAT results are available to schools in the K12 Reporting Portal starting on Dec. 3 – a week before students start receiving their scores. Spring PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and SAT scores are available to schools and students in the K12 Reporting Portal in May-June. These SAT results are reported using the following scores: Total 400-1600, Math 200-800, ELA 200-800. In addition, subscores from 10-40 are available for Reading, Writing, Math, Analysis in Science, and Analysis in History/Social Science. Score for PSAT 10 range from Section scores 160-760 and Subscores 8-38. Scores for PSAT 8/9 range from Section scores 120-720 and Subscores 6-36.

Students can opt to have official scores reported directly to the college of their choosing. College Board also has the ability to automatically link score to Khan Academy to provide for official SAT practice.

### How are results used?

#### Student Level

- Plan for individual instruction
- Set goals for student
- AP Potential
- College Acceptance
- National Merit Student Qualifying Test

#### School Level

- Identify school level trends
- Determine professional development needs
- Student growth and attainment contribute to School Quality Rating Policy (SQRP)

### Where can I find additional information about the SAT Suite of Assessments?

CPS staff can find additional information at the CPS Knowledge Center PSAT/SAT Assessment Page found here:

<https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/assessment/psat-sat>

**Parents** can find additional information at <https://www.collegeboard.org> or at [cps.edu/assessment](https://cps.edu/assessment).