

Placement Process



- ◆ Freshman Course Selections are based upon:
 - ◆ PSAT 8/9 Scores
 - ◆ MAP Scores
 - ◆ Sending School's Recommendations
 - ◆ Student's / Parent's Requests

PSAT 8/9 Test



- ◆ Subjects tested include:
 - ◆ Reading/Writing and Language
 - ◆ Mathematics
- ◆ 2 hours 45 minutes of testing time, additional time for administration and breaks

Quick Facts - PSAT 8/9



- ◆ Most questions are M/C based on passages
- ◆ Some questions are accompanied by informational graphics
- ◆ Prior topic knowledge is never tested on Reading and Writing tests
- ◆ Math = M/C + grid - ins, asks you to come up with the answer -rather than select the answer
- ◆ No penalty for guessing
- ◆ Can connect your College Board account to a Khan Academy account to get personalized prep

How to Prepare - PSAT

8/9



- ◆ Short Term:
 - ◆ Good Night Sleep
 - ◆ Eat a good breakfast
 - ◆ Bring #2 pencils

- ◆ Long Term:
 - ◆ Take challenging courses
 - ◆ Ask and answer a lot of questions
 - ◆ Be Prepared for your classes

SAT Score Ranges



- ◆ Score Ranges
 - ◆ PSAT 8/9 - 240-1440
 - ◆ PSAT 10 & PSAT NMSQT - 320-1520
 - ◆ SAT - 400-1600
- ◆ College Readiness Benchmarks (8th Grade)
 - ◆ Reading and Writing - 390
 - ◆ Math - 430

PSAT 8/9 Score Report

Your Evidence-Based
Reading and Writing Score

360 | 120 to 720

Your Nationally Representative **20th** Sample Percentile



✓ You are on track for college readiness.

Stay on track and continue your progress. Start now with your free, personalized recommendations waiting for you on khanacademy.org/sat.

Your Total Score

780 | 240 to 1440

Your Nationally Representative **23rd** Sample Percentile

Keep in mind, the PSAT™ 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT®, and SAT® are on the same scale.

Your score shows you how you would have scored that day on the PSAT/NMSQT® and SAT®! How well you do depends on what you do next!

Your Math Score

420 | 120 to 720

Your Nationally Representative **40th** Sample Percentile



! Your scores indicate you are close to being on track for college readiness, but you need to continue to strengthen your skills.

Let's get you back on track, so you won't have to take noncredit courses in college. You have free, personalized recommendations waiting for you on khanacademy.org/sat.

The College and Career Readiness Benchmark

Reaching your grade-level Benchmark means that you are likely on track to be ready to succeed in select first-year, credit-bearing college courses.

■ Need to strengthen skills ■ Approaching Benchmark ■ Meet or exceed Benchmark

*The red, yellow, and green ranges in the test scores and subscores reflect your areas of strengths and weaknesses compared to the typical performance of students in your grade.

Test Scores 6 to 36 range*

19 Reading



17 Writing and Language



21.0 Math



Cross-Test Scores 6 to 36 range

21 Analysis in History/Social Studies

22 Analysis in Science

Subscores 1 to 15 range*

9 Command of Evidence



10 Words in Context



9 Expression of Ideas



9 Standard English Conventions



7 Heart of Algebra



7 Problem Solving and Data Analysis



When you take tests more than once, your scores may differ slightly upon each testing

Next Steps

Your score indicates that you are already likely able to:

Reading Test

Improve your skills by focusing on your ability to:

Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts

Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of a text to support claims or points in somewhat challenging text

Revise somewhat challenging text to ensure that information is presented in the most logical order

Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts



Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in challenging text

Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purpose such as persuading an audience

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Writing and Language Test

Draw reasonable conclusions from somewhat challenging texts

Describe the overall structure of a somewhat challenging text

Identify claims and counterclaims explicitly stated in a somewhat challenging passage

Revise text as needed to improve the exactness or content appropriateness of word choices within somewhat challenging texts



Draw reasonable inferences and logical conclusions from challenging texts

Analyze information presented quantitatively in such forms as graphs, tables, and charts and relate that information to information presented in somewhat challenging text

Determine how the selection of specific words shapes meaning and tone in a challenging passage

Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purpose such as persuading an audience

Retain or add information or ideas to a piece of text to support claims or points in challenging text

Math Test

Interpret a linear inequality in one variable with rational coefficients that represents a context. Select the equation of a line of best fit and interpret the slope and intercept of the line in the context of the situation (when a linear model is appropriate)

Interpret sample statistics understanding and using margin of error

Solve and interpret a quadratic function or equation that represents a context and requires multiple steps

Calculate and interpret frequency distributions using tables and other representational methods



Determine how a graph may be affected by a change to its equation

Determine the value of a constant or coefficient for an equation with no solution or infinitely many solutions

Using a specified model, make a prediction and compare the predicted values with the actual values in the data set

Within a context, compare the center of two separate data sets with different spreads

Determine whether two events are independent given their probabilities

Use a variety of sentence structures to accomplish a rhetorical purpose such as persuading an audience

Reading

Question #	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		
2	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	CDE	
3	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC	
4	✗	■ ■ ■ ■		
5	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC	
6	✗	■ ■ ■ ■		
7	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	CDE	
8	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		
9	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS
10	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC	HSS
11	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	CDE	HSS
12	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	CDE	HSS
13	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS
14	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS
15	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS
16	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC	HSS
17	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS
18	✗	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI
19	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC	SCI
20	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI
21	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC	SCI
22	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	CDE	SCI
23	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI
24	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI
25	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI
26	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	CDE	SCI
27	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS
28	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS
29	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	CDE	HSS
30	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC	HSS
31	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS
32	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	CDE	HSS
33	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS
34	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC	HSS
35	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI
36	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	CDE	SCI
37	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC	SCI
38	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI
39	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI
40	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	WIC	SCI
41	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI
42	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	CDE	SCI

Writing and Language

Question #	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC	
2	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI, COE	
3	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI, WIC	
4	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC	
5	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI, WIC	
6	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC	
7	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI, COE	
8	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI	
9	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI	
10	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC	
11	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC	
12	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI, COE	HSS
13	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI, COE	HSS
14	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI	HSS
15	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI	HSS
16	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC	
17	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI, WIC	HSS
18	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI	HSS
19	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC	
20	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI, WIC	HSS
21	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC	
22	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI, WIC	SCI
23	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC	
24	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI, WIC	SCI
25	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC	
26	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI	SCI
27	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI, COE	SCI
28	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI	SCI
29	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC	
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35	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC	
36	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC	
37	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI	
38	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI, WIC	
39	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	SEC	
40	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	EOI	

Math Test – Calculator

Question #	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HOA	
2	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	
3	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	HSS
4	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	HOA	
5	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	SCI
6	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	HOA	
7	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HOA	
8	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	SCI
9	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	SCI
10	✗	■ ■ ■ ■		
11	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HOA	
12	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	
13	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	SCI
14	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	SCI
15	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	HOA	
16	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	
17	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HOA	
18	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	HSS
19	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	
20	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	
21	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	HSS
22	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HOA	
23	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	
24	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	HSS
25	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	PSD	HSS

Math Test – No Calculator

Question #	Your Answer	Difficulty	Subscore	Cross-Test Score
1	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HOA	
2	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HOA	
3	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	HOA	
4	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HOA	
5	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		HSS
6	✗	■ ■ ■ ■	HOA	
7	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		
8	✓	■ ■ ■ ■		
9	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HOA	
10	✗	■ ■ ■ ■		SCI
11	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HOA	
12	✗	■ ■ ■ ■		
13	✓	■ ■ ■ ■	HOA	

Key:

- ✓ Correct
- ✗ Incorrect
- ⊘ Omitted
- U Unscorable
- ■ ■ Easy
- ■ ■ Medium
- ■ ■ Hard

Subscore:

- CDE Command of Evidence
- WIC Words in Context
- EOI Expression of Ideas
- SEC Standard English Conventions
- HOA Heart of Algebra
- PSD Problem Solving and Data Analysis

Cross-Test Score:

- HSS Analysis in History/Social Studies
- SCI Analysis in Science

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Graduation Requirements

- ◆ 3.5 credits of English
- ◆ 0.5 credit of Speech
- ◆ 0.5 credit of U.S. Govt
- ◆ 1.5 credit of Social Studies
- ◆ 1.0 credit of U.S. History
- ◆ 3.0 credits of Mathematics
- ◆ 3.0 credits of Science
- ◆ 0.5 credit of Cultural Education
- ◆ 0.5 credit of Applied Arts
- ◆ 0.5 credit of Health
- ◆ 0.5 credit of Consumer Ed
- ◆ 3.0 credits of Physical Ed
- ◆ 4.5 credits of Electives
- ◆ .5 credit of Drivers Ed
- ◆ **23.0 Total Credits**

Goal Setting



- ◆ Parents and Students will meet with a West School Counselor to complete Freshman Course Selection
- ◆ During the Freshman Year - Students will meet with a School Counselor to develop a plan of future courses to be completed during high school and set a goal to work towards

Freshman Course Load

- ◆ Eight Period Day - 48 minute periods
 - ◆ English
 - ◆ Algebra (or higher)
 - ◆ Social Studies - World History
 - ◆ Science - Biology
 - ◆ PE / Health (1 semester each)
 - ◆ Elective(eg-Wld Lang), Study Hall, or support
 - ◆ Elective(eg-Music), Study Hall, or support
 - ◆ Lunch

Academic Interventions

- ◆ Students who enter below grade level in reading and/or mathematics may be recommended for:
 - ◆ Reading Support
 - ◆ Academic Strategies
 - ◆ Extended English
 - ◆ Mathematics Support
 - ◆ (Algebra 1 + Assistance)

Summer School



- ◆ Bridge Courses
 - ◆ Algebra Bridge
 - ◆ Integrated Algebra/Geometry Bridge
 - ◆ Biology Bridge
- ◆ Jumpstart to Geometry
- ◆ Credit Bearing Coursework
 - ◆ Tech Essentials, Speech

Key Dates



- ◆ PSAT 8/9 Test @ Hadley
 - ◆ October 19 (Saturday)
- ◆ December:
 - ◆ Receive course recommendations & enrollment packet in US Mail
- ◆ Parent Night
 - ◆ January 14 @ 6:30, West
- ◆ 8th Grade Registration
 - ◆ January 18 & 22

Tips About High School



1. If you don't know - ask
2. You are about to be flooded with information - read it
3. Our Mantra: Choose the most rigorous coursework for your child that they can be successful in without being overwhelmed
4. Register for summer school
5. Get involved with a sport or activity
6. Build positive work habits now

Questions and Answers



- ◆ Please feel free to ask any questions at this time.