



On Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, eighth grade students will complete the College Board PSAT 8/9 assessment. The PSAT 8/9 assesses reading, writing, language and mathematics reasoning focusing on knowledge and skills predictive of college and career readiness and success. The PSAT 8/9 is the first assessment in the SAT suite. After taking the assessment students will have access to an analysis of their strengths and weaknesses as well as guided practice to prepare for future College Board assessments. In the absence of other assessment results from last spring, PSAT 8/9 results will serve as a key piece of information for high school course placement determinations.

Total testing time is about 2 hours and 30 minutes. Students will be in school on the 9th for approximately 4 hours to accommodate breaks and set up tasks for the test. We anticipate receiving the results of this assessment near the end of December. For additional information concerning the PSAT 8/9, please see: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>.

Later today you will receive a registration survey which will ask you to indicate whether your student will participate in the PSAT 8/9 and if you will require transportation (if eligible). You must complete this registration before Monday, October 19th at 5 PM.

The PSAT 8/9 is a paper/pencil test that must be taken in person. Students that do not register will not be able to participate on the 9th. This assessment will not be offered again at a later date. Students may participate in the assessment regardless of the instruction option you have chosen.

In order to protect the safety of students and staff, District 204 will be taking the following steps during the testing process:

- Social distancing will be required throughout the test and will be supported by protocols in each building.
- Face coverings will be worn by all students and staff at all times.
- Students and staff will follow a precertification process before entering the building.

Schools will be sharing additional information before the testing date including details about safety protocols, the schedule for the day, room assignments, and transportation.

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