



Dear Parent/Guardian:

As part of our commitment to opportunities, access, and outcomes for all students in Henry County Schools, we will be administering the PSAT 8/9—the first test in the SAT® Suite of Assessments—to all 8th grade students in Henry County Schools, at no cost to students and their families, in the 2024-2025 school year.

In early to mid-October, the PSAT 8/9 will be administered in a digital format that will provide an overall easier testing experience for students. Your child will take the PSAT 8/9 using their school-issued Chromebook. All tests are administered on-campus and in-person, with no virtual option.

Accommodations on the PSAT 8/9

The PSAT is a national assessment administered by the College Board; this means that students do not automatically receive the same accommodations that they may receive on state standardized assessments, like Georgia Milestones. All accommodations for the PSAT must be requested and approved through College Board's SSD (Services for Students with Disabilities) platform.

If your student 1) has an IEP, 504, or is an English Language Learner, 2) typically receives accommodations on assessments, AND 3) you would like your student to receive accommodations on the PSAT, fill out the following form and scan/email or physically return to:
allison.randall@henry.k12.ga.us

Accommodation requests will only be submitted for those students with parental consent forms.

- Consent Form for Accommodations Request:
<https://bit.ly/PSATRequestHCS>



- Consent Form for Accommodations Request (Spanish):
<https://bit.ly/PSATRequestSpanishHCS>



The school testing administrator and SSD Coordinator will submit your request to the College Board, along with needed documentation, and will let you know whether your student is approved for specific accommodations. Students with approved accommodations will have the opportunity to practice with their accommodations prior to testing day.

What is on the PSAT 8/9?

The PSAT 8/9 test includes reading, writing and language, and math sections. The PSAT 8/9 is the first test in the SAT Suite of Assessments. Tightly aligned with SAT and PSAT/NMSQT, it establishes a baseline for college and career readiness.

Why take the PSAT 8/9?

The PSAT 8/9 is a great resource for your students. This test is a pressure-free way to start exploring their path to college and a future career by providing students with early feedback on the skills and knowledge that matter most for college and career success.

Additionally, results from this assessment help educators establish a baseline for each student as they start their high school journey, and the results help us focus classroom instruction and support your child's growth.

Taking the PSAT 8/9 can help your child to:

1. Recognize strengths. A personalized online PSAT 8/9 score report will include detailed information about your child's strengths and areas for growth. It helps students lean into their strengths and identify places where they need to improve to be college and career ready.
2. Explore future careers. Students can explore college majors and careers that align with their personal interests with Roadmap to Careers, a unique online tool created by Roadtrip Nation and the College Board. The tool connects students to potential careers based on the things they love, showing where they can lead.
3. Choose high school courses. Knowing where they excel and what skills they should work on can help students choose 9th grade classes, including Advanced Placement (AP) courses that are a great match for them. Advanced Placement courses can give your child an edge in college and career skill development and the college admissions process. Students may also earn college credit while in high school, which could save time and money in college.

All 8th grade students will be automatically registered to take the test; **next steps are only required for those students who may need accommodations on the assessment.** More information about test day procedures will be shared with students and their families as test day approaches.

If you have questions about the PSAT 8/9 Assessment or a request for accommodations, please do not hesitate to contact your child's counselor, SSF, or principal.

Sincerely,

Middle School Principals and Henry County Schools Performance Department