What the PSAT 8/9 Measures

The PSAT 8/9 is focused on the skills and knowledge at the heart of education. It measures:

- What you learn in school.
- What you need to succeed in college and career training.

The same habits and choices that lead to success in school will help you get ready for the PSAT 8/9. The best way to prepare for the test is to:

- Take challenging courses.
- Do your homework.
- Prepare for tests and quizzes.
- Ask and answer lots of questions.
How the PSAT 8/9 Is Organized

The PSAT 8/9 has three tests: the Reading Test, the Writing and Language Test, and the Math Test. The tests break down like this:

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How to Prepare

The PSAT 8/9 measures the knowledge and skills you have developed in reading, writing and language, and math. Review the information in this Student Guide, including the sample questions and directions, to become more familiar with the test. Go to collegeboard.org/about-psat-8-9 to get more information about preparing for the test.
Useful Resources

**BigFuture**—Our website helps you plan for college and find the college that’s best for you. Visit [bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org).

**Roadmap to Careers**—Want to see how your interests can connect to careers in your future? Try this great online experience powered by our partnership with Roadtrip Nation. Visit [collegeboard.roadtripnation.com](http://collegeboard.roadtripnation.com).
Information About Filling out Answer Key

Student Answer Instruction Sheet
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• High school students have homework every night. Check Google Classroom daily.

• Daily exposure to learning material is essential - study, read and/or review notes every night.

• Even though something may not be due the next day, most classes have ongoing work that translates into culminating projects/test.
Monitor Technology Usage

Social Media is not HOMEWORK
Is the fastest way to fail a class!

- Valuable instruction is lost every time.
- “We’re not doing anything today,” you are probably misinformed or avoiding responsibility
REMINDERS
Parent Teacher Conferences

Date: October 23rd 2019

Time: 3-5 pm (Session#1)  
6-7:30pm (Session # 2)

Location: Gym

Parents will have the opportunity to meet with all teachers and receive 2nd progress report.
LA Metro College Fair

Cathedral High School, Gym

October 24, 2019

7:00pm
College Visit Day

October 30, 2019

PERMISSION SLIPS DUE ASAP

RETURN TO HOMEROOM TEACHER
Students, Parents, and Teachers can refer a student to the academic or personal counselors.
Grades

The most important job of the counselor is to help students with their academic progress.

Counselors will do this by:

● Meeting with students who are struggling in their classes
● Requiring students with D and F graders to meet with teachers and parents through the Counselor Grade Verification letter
● Recommending tutoring and other forms of academic support
● Assisting parents in helping students