



Digital PSAT 8/9 Overview

Section	Time	# of questions
Reading and Writing 1st Module	32 minutes	25 questions
Reading and Writing 2nd Module	32 minutes	25 questions
Math 1st Module	35 minutes	20 questions
Math 2nd Module	35 minutes	20 questions

Reading and Writing		
Content Domain	Skills and Knowledge	Question Distribution
Expression of Ideas	Measures the ability to revise texts to improve the effectiveness of written expression and to meet specific rhetorical goals	8-12 questions
Craft and Structure	This section evaluates skills in understanding advanced academic vocabulary words from the context they are used in, analyzing an author's rhetorical (persuasive writing) techniques and purpose, and synthesizing key ideas by making connections between multiple related texts on a topic.	13-15 questions
Information and ideas	This section measures comprehension, analysis, and reasoning skills and knowledge and the ability to locate, interpret, evaluate, and integrate information and ideas from texts and informational graphics (tables, bar graphs, and line graphs)	12-14 questions
Standard English Conventions	Measures the ability to edit texts to conform to core conventions of Standard English sentence structure, usage, and punctuation	11-15 questions

Math		
Content Domain	Skills and Knowledge	Question Distribution
Algebra	Linear equations in 1 variable; Linear equations in 2 variables; Linear functions; Systems of 2 linear equations in 2 variables; Linear inequalities in 1 or 2 variables	13-15 questions
Advanced Math	Equivalent expressions; Nonlinear equations in 1 variable and systems of equations in 2 variables; Nonlinear functions	13-15 questions
Problem-solving and data analysis	Ratios, rates, proportional relationships, and units; Percentages; 1-variable data: distributions and measures of center and spread; 2-variable data: models and scatterplots; Probability and conditional probability; Evaluating statistical claims: observational studies and experiments	5-7 questions
Geometry	Area and volume; Lines, angles, and triangles; Right triangles; Circles	5-7 questions

What's Changing?

- More time, on average, to answer each question, meaning that, more so than ever before, the digital PSAT 8/9 measures your skills and knowledge, not test-taking speed.
- There will be shorter reading passages that have just one question each.
- A calculator can be used on the entire Math section, and the test includes a built-in calculator
- Bluebook (a testing application from College Board used to take the digital PSAT 8/9) has several tools for students to use during the exam.
 - Mark for review:** You can flag and return to any question within a given test module that you want to come back
 - Testing timer:** A clock counts down the time remaining in each module. You can hide the timer, and you get an alert when 5 minutes remain in the module. When there are only 5 minutes remaining, the clock can no longer be hidden.
 - Calculator:** A built-in Desmos graphing calculator is available for the entire Math section. The calculator is provided in the practice test on Bluebook to allow you to practice using the calculator before the test. (You can also bring your own acceptable calculator; please see [SAT Calculator Policy](#) for a full list.



- Reference sheet:** On the Math section, you have access to a list of common formulas.
- Annotation:** You can highlight any part of a passage and leave yourself a note. This tool is only available for Reading and Writing questions.
- Option eliminator:** If you think an answer option is wrong, you can cross it out.

Computer Adaptive Assessment

- The digital PSAT 8/9 is computer-adaptive, which means the questions are tailored to the student's level. The difficulty of the next questions adjusts based on whether the previous question was answered correctly or incorrectly.

Test Scores

Go to studentscores.collegeboard.org and sign into your College Board Account to see your scores. The school will also email your PSAT 10 score report in late June. Below are the test benchmarks of the three SAT suite exams.

Tests	Reading and Writing Proficiency College and Career Ready	Math Proficiency College and Career Ready
PSAT 8/9	410	450





- Your new scores from the April test will be shared on your College Board account before they are mailed to you.