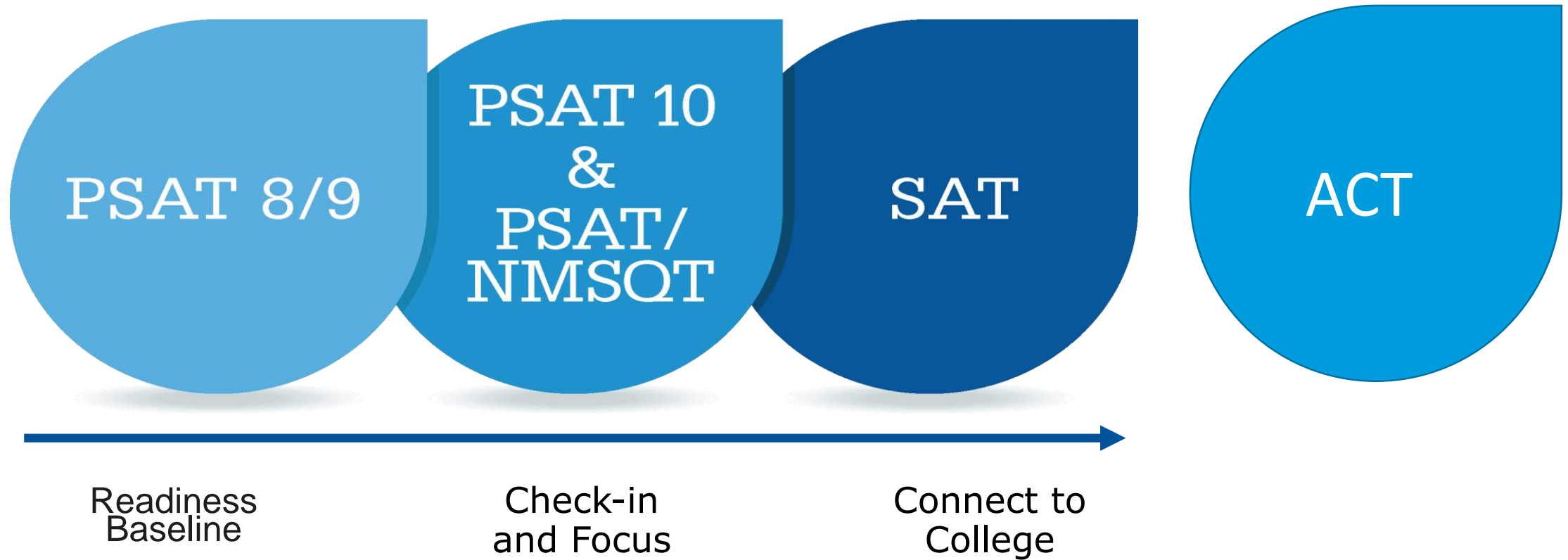

The SAT[®] Suite of Assessments

Information on Testing:

Grades 9 – 12

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The SAT[®] Suite of Assessments



What is the Purpose of PSAT 8/9 and 10?

Chapter 1



Test Length and Timing

		Reading Test		Writing and Language Test		Math Test				Essay	
						Calculator		No Calculator			
	Total Length	Total Questions	Time Allotted (in minutes)	Total Questions	Time Allotted (in minutes)	Total Questions	Time Allotted (in minutes)	Total Questions	Time Allotted (in minutes)	Total Questions	Time Allotted (in minutes)
SAT	3 hours (+50 minutes, optional Essay)	52	65	44	35	38	55	20	25	1	50
PSAT/NMST and PSAT 10	2 hours, 45 minutes	47	60	44	35	31	45	17	25	N/A	N/A
PSAT 8/9	2 hours, 25 minutes	42	55	40	30	25	40	13	20	N/A	N/A

Key Features of the SAT Suite of Assessments



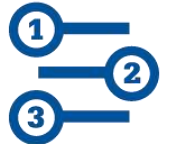
Words in Context



Command of Evidence



Essay Analyzing a Source



Math that Matters Most



Problems Grounded in Real-World Contexts



Analysis in Science and in History/Social Studies



U.S. Founding Documents and the Great Global Conversation



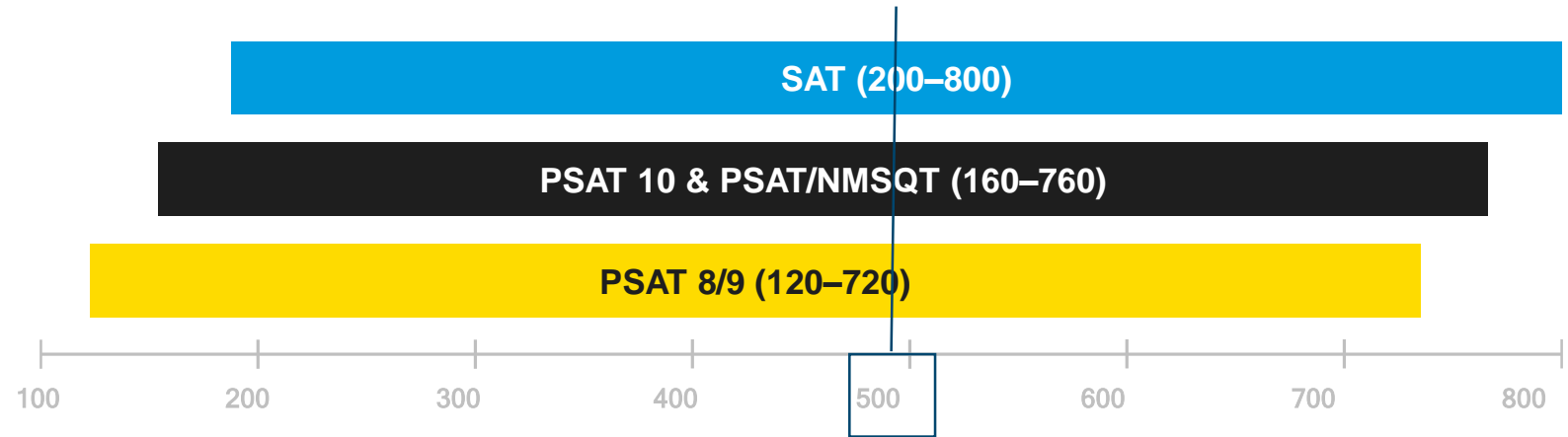
No Penalty for Guessing

Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Overview

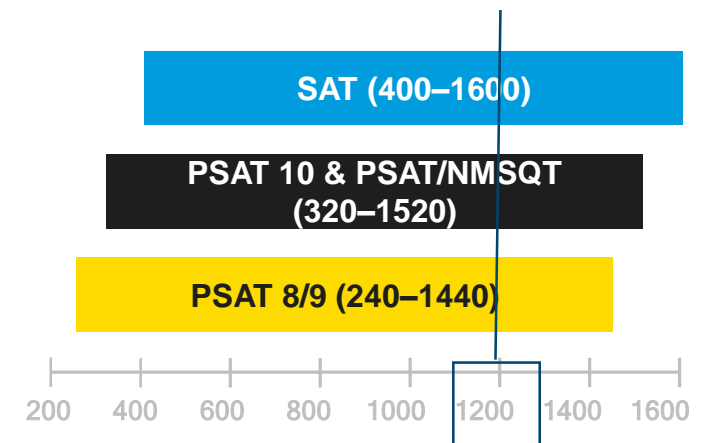
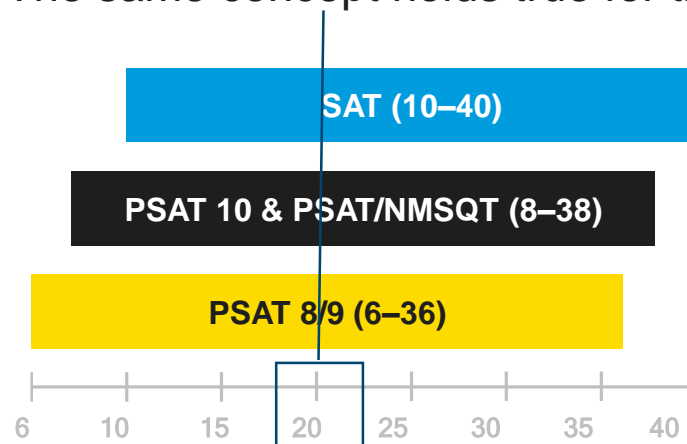
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- Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section comprises the Reading Test and the Writing and Language Test.
 - Text complexity:
 - SAT: range from 9th grade through first-year, post high school
 - PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10: range from 9th to 10th grade
 - PSAT 8/9: range from 6th to 10th grade
 - Emphasizes source analysis and use of evidence
 - Incorporates data and informational graphics
 - Focuses on words in context and on word choice for rhetorical effect
 - Includes texts in literature, science, and social studies

Longitudinal Progress Monitoring

Section Scores are placed on a vertical scale.



The same concept holds true for the **Test, Cross-Test Scores, and Total Score**.



Use Benchmarks to Enhance College Readiness

Students and educators can track progress toward college readiness from year to year.

Gauge college readiness



Identify strengths and weaknesses

Strengthen academic programs



SAT College and Career Readiness Benchmarks

- 75% likelihood of earning at least a C in a first-semester, credit-bearing college course in a related subject.
- Set at section level.
- Overall college and career readiness is defined as achieving both of the section-level benchmarks on a given assessment.
- Grade-level benchmarks are based on expected student growth toward the SAT Benchmarks:

	▶	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	SAT	
Section Level	▶	390	410	430	460	480	ERW
		430	450	480	510	530	MATH ₁₀

Prepare for the 2019-20 PSAT™ 8/9

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 - Resources

PSAT 8/9 2019-20 Test Dates

The PSAT 8/9 is given in two testing periods:

SEPT. 23, 2019 – MARCH 27, 2020

APRIL 14 – APRIL 30, 2020

February 25, 2020 @ 8:00 AM

Take the 2019-20 PSAT 8/9

Make sure you bring:

- Two No. 2 pencils
- Calculator (optional)

How to Sign Up:

- **What:** PSAT 8/9 SAT Suite Assessments at Ambridge Senior High School

Test Day/Date:

- **Cost:** \$12.00 per exam / Checks made payable to Ambridge Area School District

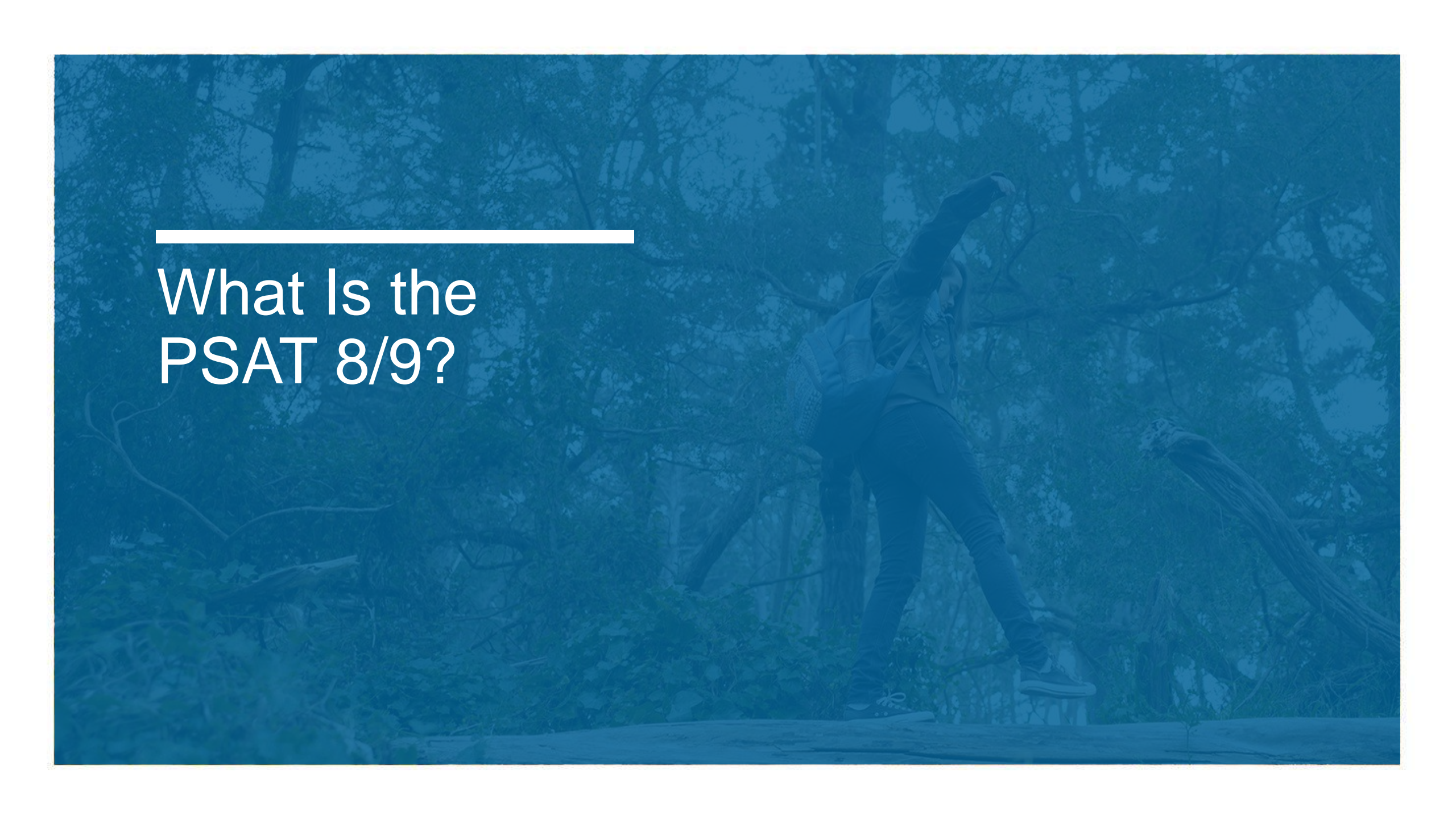
Time:

- February 25, 2020
- **Sign-ups:** Due by January 24, 2020 in Guidance - All cash and checks must be submitted to Ambridge Senior High School Guidance

Location:

- High School LGI and Classrooms

What Is the PSAT 8/9?

A person with a backpack is climbing a tree in a forest. The person is wearing a dark jacket, dark pants, and sneakers. The background is a dense forest of trees with green foliage. The entire image has a blue tint.

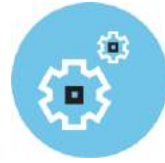
Some Key Facts

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- The PSAT 8/9 is offered to **8th-** and **9th-grade students**, testing the same knowledge and skills as the SAT[®], PSAT/NMSQT[®], and PSAT[™] 10 in a way that makes sense for the student's grade level.
 - The PSAT 8/9 establishes a baseline of college readiness to help educators and students figure out **what students need to work on most** so they are ready for college when graduating from high school.
 - Scores for the SAT Suite of Assessments (SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9) are reported on a common vertical scale, allowing educators and students to **measure progress**.
 - Test length: 2 hours and 25 minutes.
 - There's **no penalty for guessing** or blank responses, also known as “rights-only scoring.”

Benefits of the PSAT 8/9



The PSAT 8/9 establishes a baseline measurement of college and career readiness.



The PSAT 8/9 tests the same skills and knowledge as the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and PSAT 10—in a way that makes sense for each grade level.

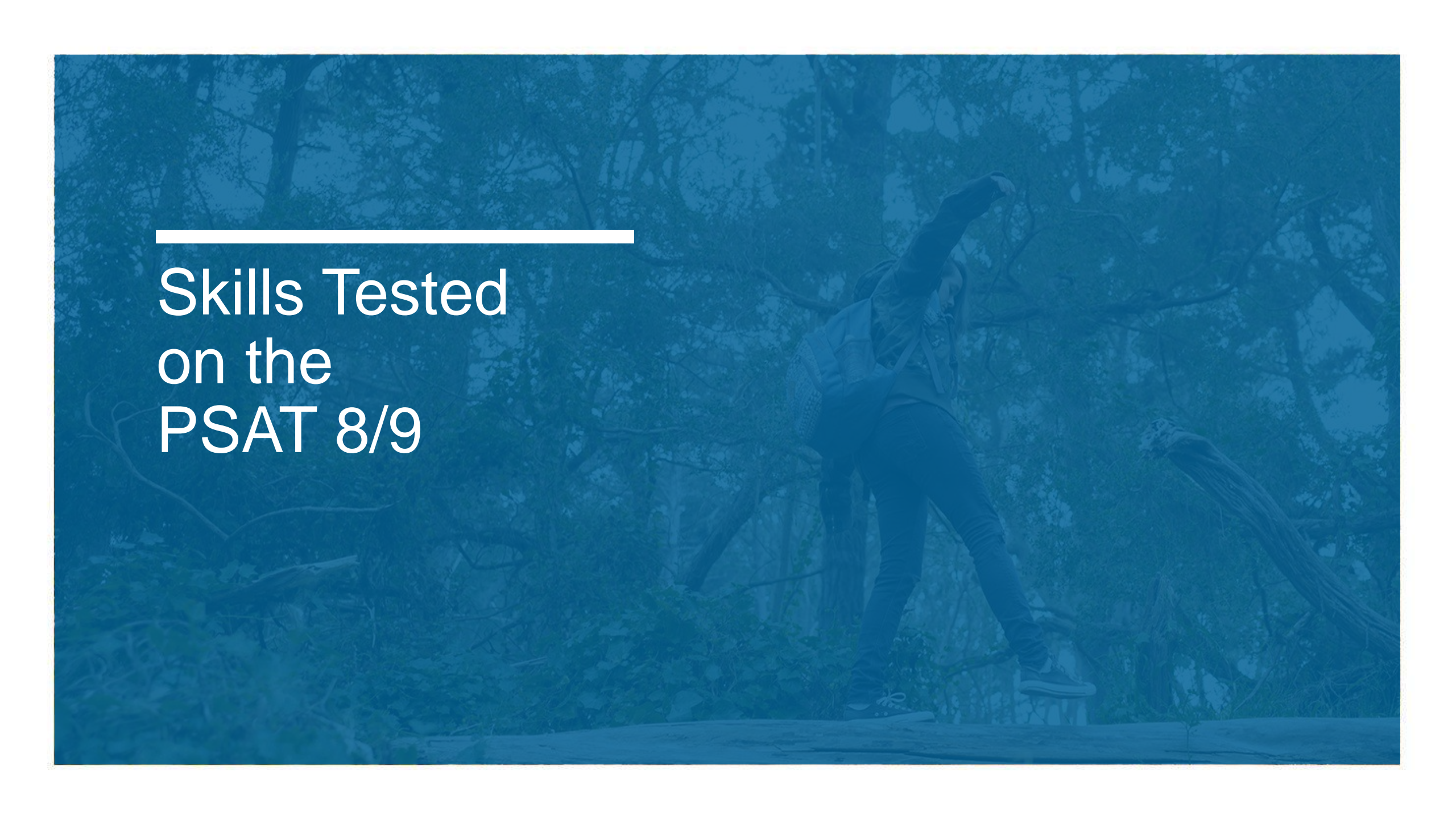


The score reports will give students comprehensive, personalized feedback on test performance, allowing students to see which questions were answered incorrectly (with exceptions) and which academic skills they should work to improve.



Information on college majors and career exploration is offered by the College Board and Roadtrip Nation.

Skills Tested on the PSAT 8/9

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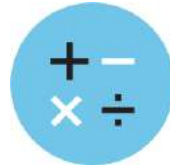
Skills Tested



Reading Test



Writing and Language Test



Math Test

- Each test assesses the academic skills that students developed over the years, primarily through coursework.
- These skills are considered essential for success in high school, college, and career.

Reading Test



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- 42 passage-based questions;
55 minutes
 - 4 single passages and
1 pair of passages

Quick Facts

- All questions are multiple choice and based on passages.
- Some passages are paired with other passages or informational graphics such as graphs and tables.
- No mathematical computation is required.
- Topic-specific prior knowledge is never tested.
- The Reading Test is part of the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section.

Reading Test



What to Expect

The Reading Test always includes:

- One passage from a classic or contemporary work of U.S. or world literature
- One passage or a pair of passages from either a U.S. founding document or a text in the Great Global Conversation they inspired. The U.S. Constitution or a speech by Nelson Mandela, for example
- A selection about economics, psychology, sociology, or some other social science
- Two science passages (or one passage and one passage pair) that examine foundational concepts and developments in Earth science, biology, chemistry, or physics

Writing and Language Test

- 40 passage-based questions; 30 minutes
- 4 passages

Quick Facts

- All questions are multiple choice and based on passages.
- Some passages are paired with informational graphics such as graphs and tables.
- No mathematical computation is required.
- Topic-specific prior knowledge is never tested.
- The Writing and Language Test is part of the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section.



Writing and Language Test

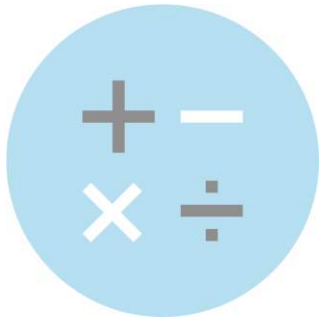
What to Expect

The Writing and Language Test puts students in the active role of an editor who is improving a written passage. Most questions ask students to decide which, if any, of the alternatives to an underlined part of a passage most improves it.



Math Test

- 2 test sections; 60 minutes
- 38 questions
(31 multiple choice, 7 student-produced responses)



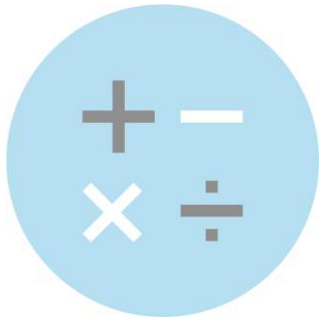
Quick Facts

- Most math questions will be multiple choice, but some will be student-produced responses.
- The Math Test is divided into two portions: Math Test – Calculator and Math Test – No Calculator.
- Some parts of the test will present a scenario and then ask several questions about it.

Math Test

What to Expect

The Math Test focuses on the math that matters most for college and career readiness. To succeed on the Math Test, students will need to demonstrate mathematical practices, such as problem solving and using appropriate tools strategically.



Math Section

Math Test – Calculator



Students: Know Your Calculator

- A scientific or graphing calculator is recommended.
- Students should bring a familiar calculator. Test day is not the time to figure out how to use a new calculator.

Math Section

Math Test – Calculator



Additional Calculator Tips for Students

- Don't try to use the calculator on every question—no question requires one.
- Decide how to solve each problem; then decide whether to use a calculator.
- Make sure your calculator is in good working order and that batteries are fresh.
- Students will not be permitted to use laptops or other computers, tablets, cell phones, or smartphones, etc. Please reference the student guide for a complete list.

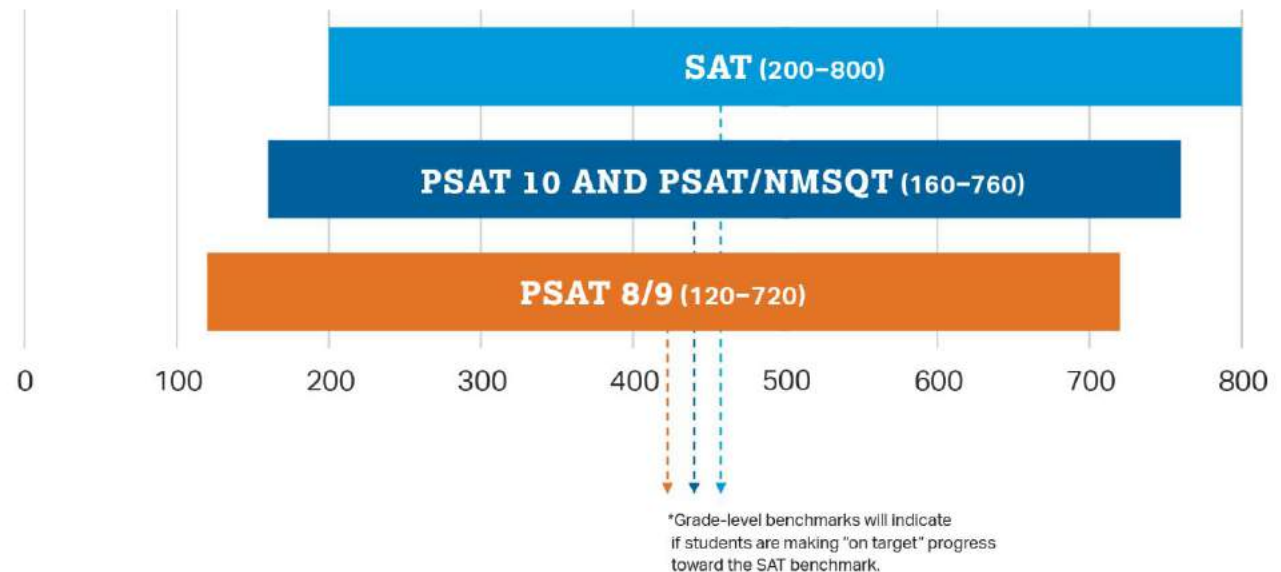
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Content and Domain Alignment

All tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments (SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9) are aligned to the same research backbone and focus on the same domain of knowledge and skills.

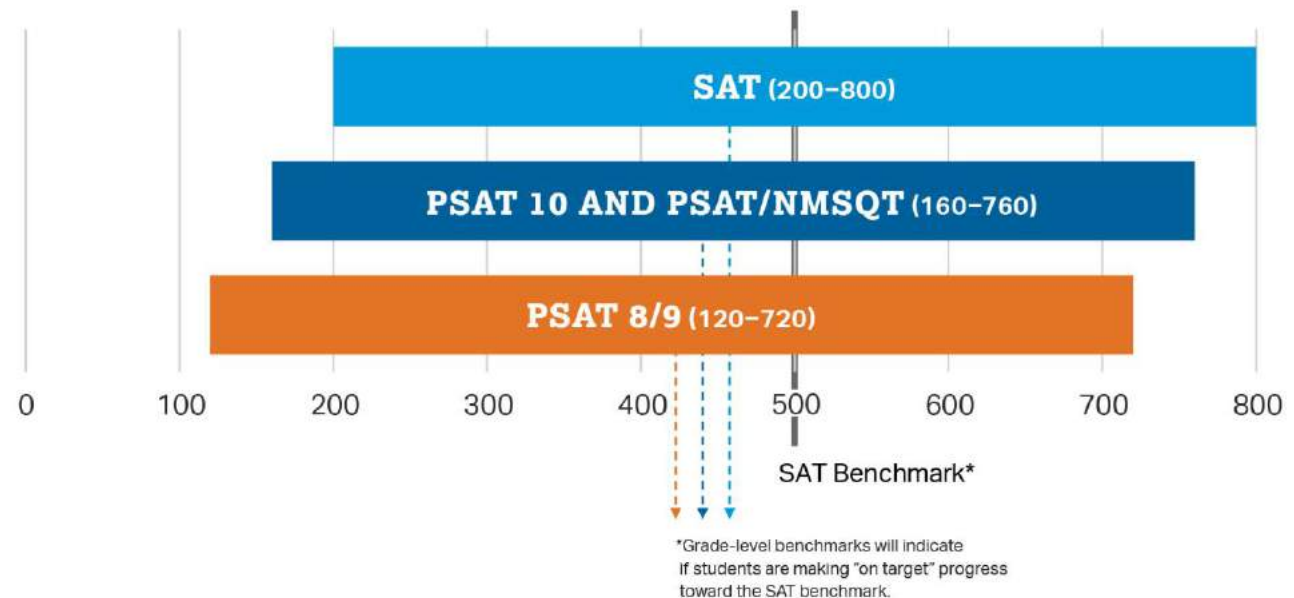
Scoring

All tests in the SAT Suite of Assessments are on a common score scale that provides consistent feedback, enabling teachers to adjust instruction to better support students who are ahead or behind.

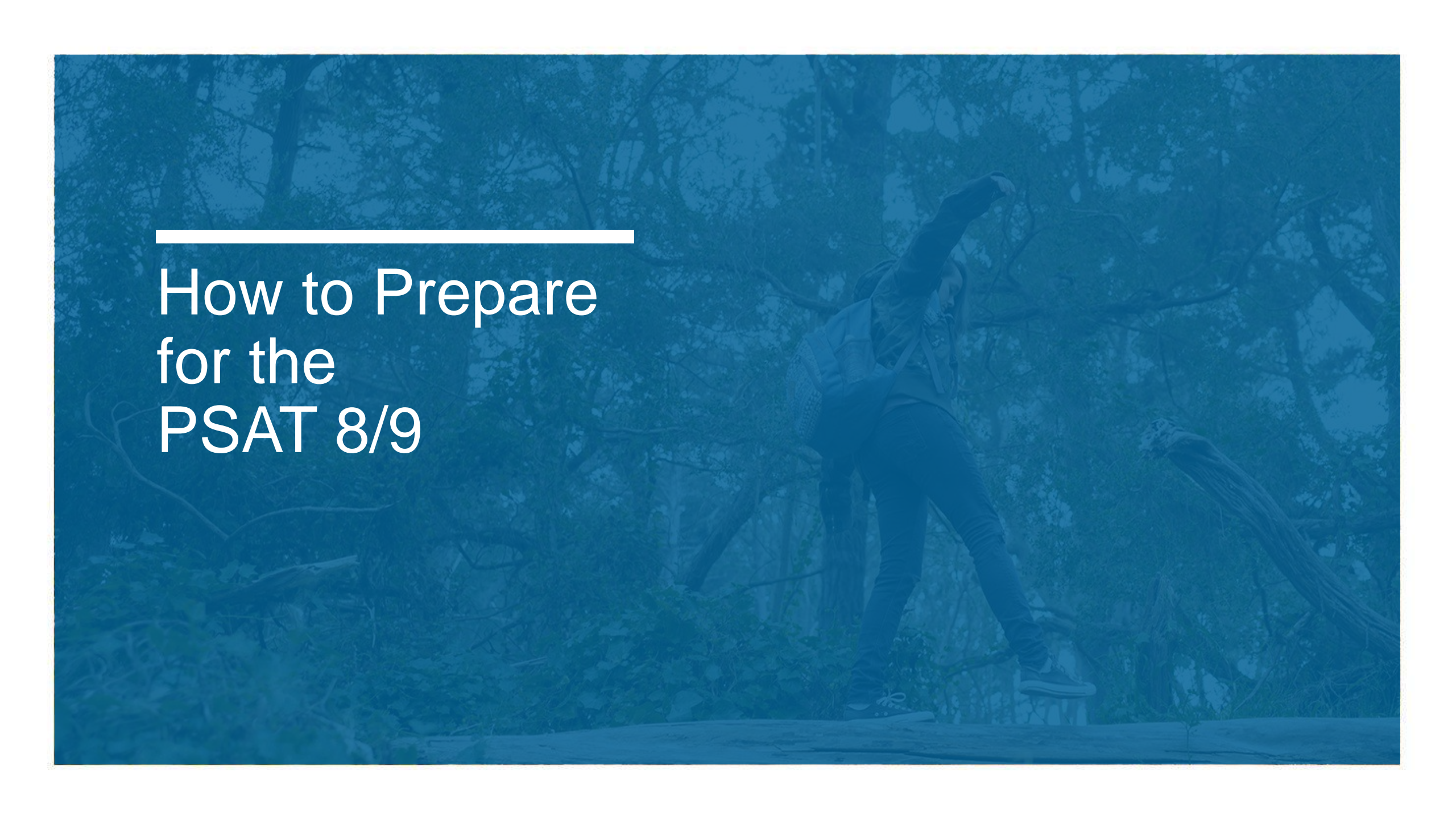


How Does the PSAT 8/9 Connect to the PSAT 10, the PSAT/NMSQT, and the SAT?

The score students get on the PSAT 8/9 is the same score they would have gotten on the PSAT10, PSAT/NMSQT, or SAT if they'd taken it on the same day.



How to Prepare for the PSAT 8/9

A person with a backpack is climbing a tree in a forest. The person is wearing a light-colored jacket and dark pants. The background is a dense forest with many trees and branches. The entire image has a blue tint.

Know How the PSAT 8/9 Is Scored

Rights-Only Scoring

- 1 point for each correct answer
- No points deducted for incorrect answers or unanswered questions

Math Student-Produced Responses

- Enter answers as (reduced) fractions or decimals.
- If rounding a decimal, make sure to enter as many characters as are allowed.

Scale

- 120–720 for each test section
- 240–1440 for the total score

Personalized Skills Information

The PSAT 8/9 Score Report

- Contains information **to help students improve their academic skills.**
- **Lists skills** that students have the best chance of improving with additional work.



Preparation Starts in School

Read

Continuous reading improves vocabulary and develops essential skills.

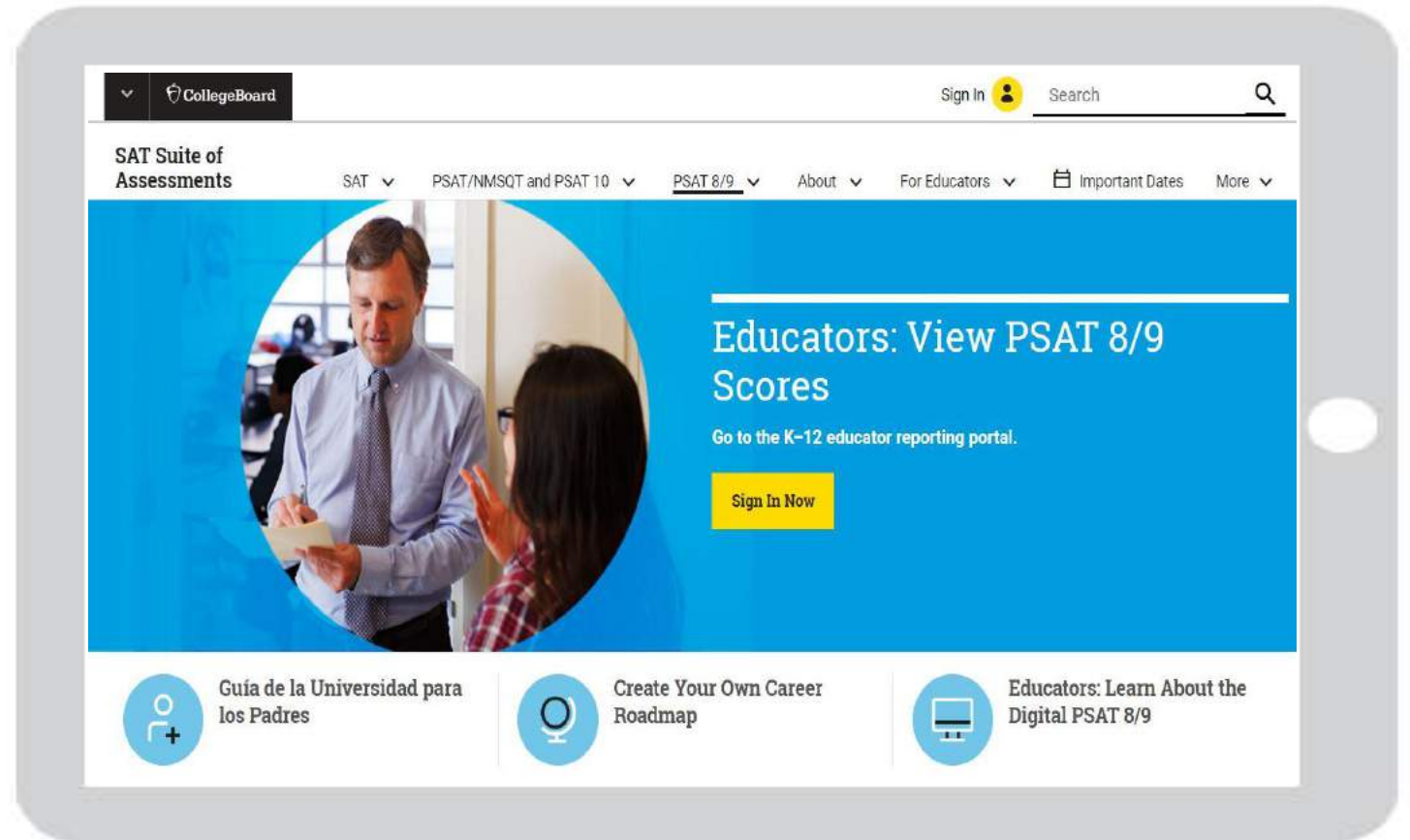
Take Challenging Courses

This will help students to develop and strengthen their critical thinking skills.

Resources

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Resources



For general information about the PSAT 8/9, please visit:

psat.org/8-9