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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are pleased to inform you that Prince George's County Public Schools will be paying for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to take the PSAT 8/9 this school year. The PSAT 8/9 will be offered during the week of December 5-9, 2016 and is part of a newly redesigned suite of assessments from the College Board. This assessment will support all students with early feedback on the skills and knowledge essential for college and career success, in conjunction with exposure to new test questions and concepts. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to take the PSAT 8/9.

Beginning Fall 2016, the PSAT 8/9 will also be used as part of the entrance criteria for the selection into high school specialty programs: **Aerospace and Engineering** at DuVal High School; **Science and Technology** at Charles H. Flowers High School, Oxon Hill High School, and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. By the middle of February students who meet eligibility requirements (based on test scores and academic grades) will be notified and will then be invited to apply to the program of their choice. Notification letters will be sent to student address on file. Parents and students are encouraged to respond as soon as possible upon receipt of the notice of eligibility. Students must follow the designated application procedure to seek enrollment.

Students who take the PSAT 8/9 will receive access to free personalized SAT study. Khan Academy has partnered with the College Board to offer a study plan that is designed specifically for each student based on his/her PSAT scores. With student/parent permission, Khan Academy will use their score results to create a study plan **specifically designed** for them.

For additional information visit:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about/benefits/khan-academy-practice>  
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/prepare-psat-8-9.pdf>

PSAT 8/9 is a way to encourage your child to start thinking about life after high school. We have attached some helpful resources related to the SAT Suite of Assessments. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Ms. LeKeisha Render, Test Development Specialist at [lekeisha.render@pgcps.org](mailto:lekeisha.render@pgcps.org).

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education!

Sincerely,

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# SAT RESOURCES

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## Get to Know the Tests

As part of the SAT Suite of Assessments, the new PSAT/NMSQT and the PSAT 10 are tightly aligned with the new SAT.

Find out what kinds of questions will be asked and which skills and knowledge areas will be tested. Go to Test Design at:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/test-design>

## Set up an Account with Khan Academy and Practice

<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

## Delivering Opportunity

The PSAT 8/9 connects students to free practice resources for later tests in the SAT Suite and to AP courses.

## Better Access to Better Data

With sub scores and cross-test scores, [PSAT/NMSQT](#) and [PSAT 10 scores](#) provide deep insight into student readiness for college and career:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/scores>

## Connect to AP

AP Potential™ helps schools use PSAT 8/9 results to identify ninth-graders likely to succeed in AP World History and AP European History. These students are also notified of their potential directly. Find out how the PSAT 8/9 helps schools grow their AP program by visiting:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/about/benefits/connect-to-ap>