



**Vision:**  
100% Student Success

**Mission:**  
"Educate and prepare each student for college, career and life."

10/5/2018

Dear Parent & Student,

On behalf of Pinellas County Schools, I would like to announce that the Preliminary SAT 8/9 will be administered to every 8th grade student on October 10, 2018.

The PSAT 8/9 evaluates the skills each student has developed in critical reading, mathematics and writing; and also provides tools for a student to reach his or her college and career goals. Because the PSAT 8/9 evaluates the same skills as the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT, taking this assessment is an effective way for a student to start getting ready for the SAT. Additionally, the PSAT 8/9 gives each student personalized feedback about their academic strengths and weaknesses, helping each student to prepare for success in college and careers.

Every student who takes the PSAT 8/9 is provided with a comprehensive results report that commends the student on areas they have mastered and provides feedback on the areas they need to focus for improvement.

One additional way that a student can benefit from participation in this assessment in future years is by performing stronger on the PSAT/NMSQT assessment in high school, particularly in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT in 11<sup>th</sup> grade may be eligible to enter competitions for college scholarships and other academic recognition programs. Additional information will be provided to you during the spring of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade year in preparation for the upcoming test in the fall of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade year.

Parents, we appreciate your support of this assessment as your student continues on their journey through middle and high school and beyond.

Students, we hope you will put forth your best effort on test day, to allow us to support your unique needs on your journey toward college and career success.

Respectfully,

Judith Vigue, Director-Advanced Studies & Academic Excellence

**What to bring: 2 no. 2 pencils & a scientific calculator**

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