



The results posted below represent PSAT 8/9 results from fall 2021 distribution on Saturday October 16th, the second year of optional administration for students enrolled in grade 09.

The PSAT 8/9 was first offered in Coeur d'Alene by suggestion from buildings during the PSAT/SAT Summit series in 2016. 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 eighth and ninth graders. It measures what they're already learning, shows them whether they're on track for college, and lets them know where they need the most improvement. That means students have time to tackle these areas long before they take the SAT.

TOTAL SCORE														
		2019	2020	2021	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
GR		Overall Mean Score (320-1520)			Part. Rate	Evidence-based Reading & Writing MEAN			Mathematics MEAN			Percent Meeting Both Benchmarks		
CHS	9	924	~	1048	4.8%	459	~	537	466	~	511	48%	48%	78%
LCHS	9	874	~	1038	4.2%	439	~	525	434	~	513	35%	35%	89%
VHS	9	666	~	n/a	0.0%	345	~	n/a	321	~	n/a	6%	6%	n/a
SD 271	9	893	~	1044	4.4%	446	~	531	447	~	512	40%	40%	83%

EVIDENCE-BASED READING AND WRITING														
This component of the PSAT 8/9 evaluates students' ability to interpret, analyze, synthesize, and use evidence found in a wide range of sources. These include passages from literature texts and on career-related, humanities, history/social studies, and science topics, as well as informational graphics (such as tables, graphs, and charts).														
		2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2021			
GR		Reading and Writing MEAN			Reading MEAN			Writing & Language MEAN			Command of Evidence	Words in Context	Expression of Ideas	Standards English Conventions
		Scale: 160-760			Scale: 8-38						Scale: 1-15			
CHS	9	459	~	537	23	~	27	22	~	27	11	11	11	11
LCHS	9	439	~	525	23	~	27	21	~	26	11	11	10	10
VHS	9	345	~	~	18	~	~	16	~	~	~	~	~	~
SD271	9	446	~	532	23	~	27	22	~	26	11	11	10	11

MATHEMATICS															
This component of the PSAT 8/9 evaluates skills using linear relationships, ratios, percentages, proportional relationships, analyzing data, and non-linear equations and functions.															
		2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2021	
GR		Math Section MEAN			Math Test Score			Cross-Test: Analysis in Science		Cross-Test: Analysis in Soc. Studies		Heart of Algebra	Problem Solving & Data Analysis		
		Scale: 160-760			Scale: 8-38								Scale: 1-15		
CHS	9	466	~	511	23	~	26	23	~	26	23	~	26	10	10
LCHS	9	434	~	513	22	~	26	22	~	27	22	~	27	9	11
VHS	9	321	~	~	16	~	~	16	~	~	17	~	~	~	~
SD271	9	447	~	512	22	~	26	23	~	26	22	~	26	10	11

Pathways to College and Career Preparedness

Each assessment in the SAT Suite has an associated set of metrics called the college and career readiness benchmarks. The new college and career readiness benchmarks are based on actual student success in entry-level college courses. Benchmarks are set at the section level (Math, Evidence-Based Reading and Writing) for each assessment and represent increasing levels of achievement as students progress from grade eight through grade 12. The SAT benchmark scores represent a 75% likelihood of a student achieving at least a C grade in a first-semester, credit-bearing college course in a related subject.

College and Career Readiness Benchmarks		
	Evidenced-based Reading & Writing	Mathematics
Grade 09	410	450
Grade 10	430	480
Grade 11	460	510

Grade 09	Percent Meeting Both Benchmarks			Percent Meeting Evidence-based Reading and Writing Benchmark			Percent Meeting Mathematics Benchmark			Percent Meeting No Benchmarks		
	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
CHS	48%	~	78%	77%	~	91%	53%	~	91%	18%	~	22%
LCHS	35%	~	89%	64%	~	89%	37%	~	89%	34%	~	11%
VHS	6%	~	~	22%	~	~	6%	~	~	78%	~	~
SD271	41%	~	83%	70%	~	90%	45%	~	90%	26%	~	17%

Exam Components

This exam measures achievement towards the grades 08 and 09 standards defined by the Idaho Core. The PSAT 8/9 is fully aligned with the redesigned SAT, which was first administered in March, 2016. The PSAT 8/9 is also 5 minutes shorter than the PSAT/NMSQT. Here is a summary of components:

Element	PSAT 8/9		PSAT/NMSQT	
Time Allotted	55 minutes		60 minutes	
Passage Word Count	2,800 words total from 4 single passages and 1 pair; 500–750 words per passage or paired set		3,000 words total from 4 single passages and 1 pair; 500–750 words per passage or paired set	
Questions	Number	% of Test	Number	% of Test
Total	42	100%	47	100%
Words in Context	10 questions	24%	10 questions	21%
Command of Evidence	10 questions	24%	10 questions	21%
Analysis in Social Studies	17 questions	40%	19 questions	40%
Analysis in Science	17 questions	40%	19 questions	40%
Passage Contents	Number	% of Test	Number	% of Test
U.S. and World Literature	1 passage; 8 questions	20%	1 passage; 9 questions	20%
History/Social Studies	2 passages, or 1 passage and 1 pair	40%	2 passages, or 1 passage and 1 pair	40%
Science	2 passages, or 1 passage and 1 pair	40%	2 passages, or 1 passage and 1 pair	40%
Graphics	Number		Number	
	1 graphic in 1 History/Social Studies passage and 1 in 1 Science passage		1–2 graphics in 1 History/Social Studies and 1 Science passage	
Text and Graphical Complexity				
Text Complexity	A range from grades 6–10 across 4 passages and 1 pair		A range from grades 9–10 to postsecondary entry across 4 passages and 1 pair	
Graphical Data Representations	Somewhat challenging		Somewhat challenging to challenging (moderate to moderately high data density, few to several variables, moderately challenging to moderately complex interactions)	