

Incoming Freshman Placement Testing Class of 2021

**October 1, 2016
8:00am – 12:00pm
Schaumburg High School**

What is the District 211 Incoming Freshman Placement Test?

District 211 will utilize the PSAT 8/9 in combination with junior high teacher recommendations to aid in course placement for freshman year. Test scores will also be used to determine eligibility for the Incoming Freshman Academy, a mandatory summer school program.

What is the PSAT 8/9?

The PSAT 8/9 is an assessment given to 8th and 9th graders that is aligned to the SAT, a well-recognized college entrance exam. Beginning in 2016-2017, the state of Illinois will use the SAT as its measure of student achievement for high school students. The PSAT 8/9 includes subtests in the areas of Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing.

How can my student prepare?

The best preparation is to engage in classroom learning and practice skills over time. On test day, your student should answer all the questions to the best of his/her ability. Additional information can be found at: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/prepare-psat-8-9.pdf>

What should my student bring on test day?

Your student will need two No. 2 pencils with erasers and a calculator. Students will be permitted to utilize a calculator for a portion of the math subtest.

How long is the assessment?

Actual testing time is 2 hours and 25 minutes; additional time will be needed for students to complete pre- and post-test items. The exam contains 42 Reading questions, 40 Writing and Language questions, and 38 Math questions.

If I drive my student to Schaumburg H.S. for testing, what time should I return for pick-up?

Students participating in standard-time testing should finish testing by 12:00 p.m. Students eligible for testing accommodations (such as extended time testing) will experience varied end times and should arrange for their own transportation home. Your child can contact you after the PSAT 8/9 test has been completed.

When will my student receive PSAT 8/9 scores?

Scores will be distributed at Incoming Freshman Student and Parent Night on December 12, 2016.