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Dear Parent and Student,

On behalf of Seminole County Public Schools, I would like to announce that the PSAT 8/9 will be administered to Milwee Middle School 8th grade students on October 10, 2018 during the school day.

The PSAT 8/9 is the first test in the SAT Suite of Assessments. Tightly aligned with SAT and PSAT/NMSQT, it establishes a baseline for college and career readiness. The PSAT 8/9 supports all students with early feedback on the skills and knowledge that matter most for college and career success. Additionally, the PSAT 8/9 gives each student personalized feedback about his/her academic strengths and weaknesses, helping each student to prepare for success in college and careers.

Parents and Educators will have an early opportunity to:

- Measure and follow student performance.
- Ensure students are on target to achieve college and career readiness.
- Pinpoint areas for development.
- Identify students who have the potential to be successful in Advanced Placement courses.

Every student who takes the PSAT 8/9 is given access to multiple online resources that provide FREE personalized SAT preparation, as well as college and career planning tools. These resources include:

- A PSAT 8/9 score report that includes detailed answer explanations.
- A personalized study plan when the student links his/her PSAT 8/9 results to the Khan Academy site.

Parents, we appreciate your support of this assessment as your student continues on his/her journey through middle school, 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.

For more information regarding test administration, contact Alison Werley or Ken Viola. For information on the PSAT 8/9 assessment visit:
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9>.

Respectfully,

James C. Kubis

PSAT 8/9 Information for Parents

The PSAT 8/9 assessment will help your student prepare for the future. By taking the PSAT 8/9, your student will learn which skills they need to work on for continued success through high school and in college. In addition, the PSAT 8/9 will identify areas where your student excels and may want to consider taking higher-level courses, as well as areas they should focus on to improve academically. Please note that PSAT 8/9 scores are not sent to colleges.

WHAT IS THE PSAT 8/9?

The PSAT™ 8/9 is an assessment given to eighth- and ninth-graders that is closely aligned to the SAT®, PSAT/NMSQT®, and PSAT™ 10. It consists of questions in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and in Math.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF TAKING THE PSAT 8/9?

It helps establish a baseline for students as they enter high school and begin preparing for college and career. It also provides students with better access to data and personalized study through online College Board and Khan Academy® resources.

WHEN WILL MY STUDENT TAKE THE PSAT 8/9?

It will be administered during class time on the following date:

HOW SHOULD MY STUDENT PREPARE?

The best preparation is to deeply engage in classroom learning and practice skills over time. On test day, your student should answer all the questions to the best of their ability. It will also help if they get plenty of sleep the night before test day.

WHAT SHOULD MY STUDENT BRING ON TEST DAY?

Your student will need two No. 2 pencils with soft erasers, an acceptable calculator, and (if the school requires it) their student ID number.

HOW LONG WILL THE ASSESSMENT TAKE AND HOW MANY QUESTIONS ARE THERE?

Actual testing time is 2 hours and 25 minutes. There are 42 Reading Test questions, 40 Writing and Language Test questions, and 38 Math Test questions.

WHAT IF MY STUDENT DOESN'T KNOW AN ANSWER?

Your student may encounter some difficult questions that they don't know how to answer. Advise your student not to get discouraged if this happens, but to answer every question to the best of their ability. There is no penalty for answering incorrectly.

HOW DOES MY STUDENT RECEIVE PSAT 8/9 SCORES?

Your student will get a paper score report at school with a unique code giving them access to a robust online score report. School staff will also be able to look up this code in the educator portal. The scores reported will grow to include every test your student takes that is part of the SAT Suite of Assessments (for more information, see collegeboard.org/sat-suite).

The online experience (for students age 13 and older) is designed to help you and your student understand the scores better and to use the feedback to build new skills based on a detailed breakdown of your student's performance.

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PSAT 8/9 Información para padres de familia

La evaluación PSAT™ 8/9 ayudará a su hijo o hija a prepararse para el futuro. Al presentar el examen PSAT 8/9, su hijo o hija conocerá las destrezas en las que deberá trabajar más para tener éxito constante en la preparatoria y la universidad. Además, el PSAT 8/9 identificará las áreas en las que su hijo o hija destaca y en las que podrá considerar tomar cursos de mayor nivel; también identificará las áreas en las que deberá concentrarse para mejorar su nivel académico. Por favor, tome en cuenta que las calificaciones del PSAT 8/9 no se envían a las universidades.

¿QUÉ ES EL PSAT 8/9?

Es una evaluación que se hace a los estudiantes de los grados 8 y 9 y que está alineada a los exámenes SAT®, PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10. Está formada por preguntas de dos áreas: Lectura y escritura basada en evidencia y Matemáticas.

¿CUÁLES SON LAS VENTAJAS DE PRESENTAR EL PSAT 8/9?

Establece una base para los estudiantes que entran a la preparatoria y los ayuda a empezar a prepararse para la universidad y las profesiones. También permite que los estudiantes tengan mejor acceso a información y estudios personalizados por medio de los recursos en línea de College Board y de Khan Academy*.

¿CUÁNDO PRESENTARÁ EL ESTUDIANTE EL PSAT 8/9?

Los exámenes se presentarán durante las clases en la fecha siguiente:

¿CÓMO SE DEBE PREPARAR EL ESTUDIANTE?

La mejor preparación consiste en comprometerse seriamente con el aprendizaje en la clase y en practicar las destrezas día a día. El día del examen, el estudiante debe contestar todas las preguntas lo mejor que pueda. Además, es mejor si el estudiante duerme bien durante la noche anterior al día del examen.

¿QUÉ DEBE LLEVAR EL ESTUDIANTE EL DÍA DEL EXAMEN?

El estudiante necesitará dos lápices del número 2 con borradores suaves, una calculadora aprobada y (si la escuela lo requiere) su número de identificación de estudiante.

¿CUÁNTO TIEMPO TARDA LA EVALUACIÓN Y CUÁNTAS PREGUNTAS CONTIENE?

El tiempo para hacer el examen es de 2 horas y 25 minutos. Hay 42 preguntas de Lectura, 40 preguntas de Escritura y Lenguaje y 38 preguntas de Matemáticas.

¿QUÉ DEBE HACER EL ESTUDIANTE SI NO SABE LA RESPUESTA?

Es probable que el estudiante vea preguntas difíciles que no sepa responder. Recomiéndele que no se desanime si esto sucede y que responda todas las preguntas lo mejor que pueda. No se penalizan las respuestas incorrectas

¿CÓMO RECIBIRÁ EL ESTUDIANTE LOS RESULTADOS DEL PSAT 8/9?

El estudiante recibirá en la escuela un informe de calificaciones impreso con un código único que le dará acceso a un informe en línea más completo. El personal docente de la escuela también podrá buscar este código en el portal del educador. Además de las calificaciones que se reportan, el informe incluirá todos los exámenes que tome el estudiante que formen parte de las evaluaciones de SAT Suite of Assessments (vea collegeboard.org/sat-suite para obtener más información).

La experiencia en línea (para estudiantes de 13 años o más) está diseñada para ayudar a que usted y su estudiante entiendan mejor las calificaciones y usen los comentarios para desarrollar nuevas destrezas basándose en una descripción detallada del rendimiento del estudiante.

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