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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are pleased to inform you that Prince George’s County Public Schools will once again be paying for all 8th grade students to take the PSAT 8/9 this year. The PSAT 8/9 assessment will be given to all 8th grade students during the week of December 3, 2018. It will be used as part of the entrance criteria and/or to inform students of possible admission for the High School Specialty Programs listed in the table below. It is important that all students are present and strongly encouraged to do their best on the assessment.

High School Specialty Programs and Locations

<p>Aerospace Engineering and Aviation Technology Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DuVal High School 	<p>Health Sciences and Teacher Preparation Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy of Health Sciences@ Prince George’s Community College 	<p>Science and Technology Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles H. Flowers High School • Eleanor Roosevelt High School • Oxon Hill High School
<p>International Baccalaureate Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central High School • Crossland High School • Frederick Douglass High School • Laurel High School • Parkdale High School • Suitland High School 	<p>Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-Tech) Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frederick Douglass High School 	<p>3D Scholars Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles H. Flowers High School

Notification of program eligibility will be sent to all students in the application pool in March 2019. Letters will be sent to student addresses on file in SchoolMax. Students who meet the necessary eligibility requirements will be invited to enroll in the one of the programs included in their letter. Parents and students are encouraged to respond as soon as possible upon receipt of the notice of eligibility, as program seats will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students must follow the designated program procedure to secure enrollment.

The PSAT 8/9 is part of the redesigned suite of assessments from the College Board. The PSAT 8/9 will provide all students with early feedback on the skills and knowledge essential for college and career success, while providing them with exposure to new test questions and concepts. The test is also designed to reflect the work students are currently doing in the classroom.

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Free and personalized review materials aligned to the PSAT 8/9 are available at www.satpractice.org. Khan Academy has partnered with College Board to offer study plans specifically designed for each student based on diagnostic quizzes. With student/parent permission, Khan Academy will use their score results to create a study plan personalized for them. For general information about the PSAT 8/9, please visit: www.psat.org/8-9.

Attached are some additional resources related to the SAT Suite of Assessments that may be helpful. **If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Ms. Edrika Hall, Advanced Programs Supervisor, at academic.advancedp@pgcps.org.**

If you have any questions related to test registration and/or Specialty Program admission, please contact: Ms. Pamela Stewart, Test Administration Specialist for Elementary and Middle School, at pamela.stewart@pgcps.org or Mrs. LeKeisha Render, Test Administration Specialist for High School, at lekeisha.render@pgcps.org.

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

Sincerely,



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Attachment

PSAT 8/9 RESOURCES

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 some AP Courses that are open to ninth-grade students. 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>.