

## Hillside Middle School PSAT 8 Fall Testing

Good Morning Hillside Families,

All Northville Public Schools students, grades eight through eleven will be taking the PSAT. All Hillside 8th grade students will be taking the PSAT 8/9 exam on Wednesday, October 19th, 2016. Students will be taking the test with their B day first hour teacher. The test will start promptly at the beginning of the school day, so please ensure your student is not tardy. The test is expected to last approximately three and a half hours, with breaks. **Please note, there will be no make-up testing days.**

It is important to prepare your child for this test, just as any other testing by ensuring:

- Good Night's sleep
- Nutritious Breakfast
- Two number 2 pencils
- Approved calculator (see attached list)
- No cell phones allowed in testing rooms

The PSAT 8/9 is a different exam than the PSAT/NMSQT, which all tenth and eleventh graders will be taking at Northville High School. The PSAT 8/9 has been created to help students build skills necessary to be successful on the PSAT/NMSQT and later the SAT. The results of the test will also supply teachers and administration with data to help guide curriculum and instruction.

### **PSAT 8/9 FAQ's:**

**1. What does the PSAT 8/9 measure?**

It measures reading, writing, language and math skills required for career and college readiness.

**2. How will scores be reported?**

Results will be reported to the school in approximately 3 months. Included with score information will be information for free SAT practice through Khan Academy.

**3. How can my student use the information contained in the report?**

Students will receive an individualized study plan including personalized on line practice tailored to their strengths and weaknesses. Also, SAT practice questions and full length practice tests along with detailed feedback on your child's progress will be available. You can visit [khanacademy.org/sat](http://khanacademy.org/sat) for more information.

**4. What kind of calculator should my child bring? Are there any tips for using the calculator?**

**Bring One of These Calculators**

- Graphing calculator (most models permitted; see Official Student Guide for list)
- Scientific calculator
- Four-function calculator (not recommended)

**Leave These at Home**

- Anything that can connect to the Internet
- Anything that makes noise or "talks"
- Calculators that use electrical outlets
- Calculators with QWERTY keypads

- Tablets or cellphones
- Laptops or handheld computers
- Paper-tape calculators
- Calculators with a pen-input device or stylus **Calculator Smarts**
- Bring your own calculator. You can't share one.
- Don't bring a brand-new calculator. Bring one you know.
- Decide how to solve a problem, then decide if you need your calculator. This might surprise you, but calculators don't always save time. In fact, the Math Test includes some questions where it's faster not to use a calculator, even though you're allowed to.

You can find more detailed information at:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/inside-the-test/key-changes>