

June 7, 2023 - A message from CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to provide an update on the testing format for the SAT suite of assessments (the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and PSAT 8/9) and to share information that you and your child can use to help prepare for the transition. Each spring, CPS students in grades 9–11 participate in the SAT suite of assessments as required by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Each fall, most CPS high schools also provide students with an opportunity to take the PSAT as a part of fall assessments.

**Historically, all P/SAT tests have been taken on paper, but that is changing next school year.** Starting in the fall of 2023, the PSAT assessments available for students in grades 8–11 will be administered **digitally** instead of with pencil and paper. In the spring of 2024, the state-required PSAT for students in grades 9 and 10 and the SAT for students in grade 11 will also be administered digitally. The fall of 2023 will be the last time the SAT will be taken on paper.

The new digital P/SAT format will provide students with a shorter, more accessible testing experience and can be taken on a laptop, tablet, iPad, or other school-managed device. Students and families will also get their results more quickly, which can be used to explore college and career pathways, celebrate students' academic successes, and identify areas for practice and improvement.

Students and families can learn more [about the digital P/SAT here](#), and students can access [free, high-quality practice and preparation resources here](#). If you have questions about the P/SAT, please reach out to your child's school.

Sincerely,

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