

Important Information About Taking the PSAT™ 8/9

sheet from scoring must be reported immediately to the test supervisor.

- x You may not discuss the contents of the test with anyone else, or share them through any means, including but not limited to emails, text messages, and the internet, until after score reports have been distributed.
- x Members of your household or immediate family may not serve as PSAT 8/9 supervisors, coordinators, or proctors, even at a different school, on the date that you take the test.

Grounds for Score Cancellation

To report scores that accurately reflect performance, Educational Testing Service (ETS) on behalf of the College Board, maintains test administration and security standards designed to give all students the same chance to demonstrate their abilities and to prevent any student from gaining an unfair advantage because of testing irregularities or misconduct. ETS reviews irregularities and test scores believed to have been earned under unusual circumstances.

- x You may be dismissed from the testing room and your answer sheets may be destroyed if you don't follow testing rules or instructions given by the test supervisor. Once answer sheets are submitted for scoring, ETS may decide not to score the answer sheet of a student who engaged in misconduct or was involved in a testing irregularity.
- x ETS reserves the right to cancel scores if there is reason to doubt their validity. Before acting, ETS will let you know the reasons for questioning the scores and will give you an opportunity to provide additional information, confirm the scores by taking another PSAT 8/9, or will cancel the scores. You may also request arbitration in accordance with ETS's Standard Arbitration Agreement. If before, during, or after a review of questionable scores, ETS finds that misconduct has occurred in connection with a test, the options will not be available even if previously offered.
- x Score reviews are confidential. If necessary to cancel reported scores, ETS will notify score users, but the reasons for cancellation will not be disclosed. This policy does not necessarily apply in group cases.

Test Fairness Review

All new PSAT 8/9 test questions and complete new editions of the tests are reviewed by external, independent educators from throughout the United States. These reviews help ensure that wording and content are clear and relevant and language that's not offensive to or inappropriate for any particular group of students based on race/ethnicity or gender. Assessment staff ensure that the test as a whole references men and women and individuals from varied racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. Using statistics, we identify questions that are harder than expected for a group of students.