

Michigan PSAT 8/9 Accommodations for Eighth Grade

Beginning in 2019, the Michigan Department of Education will give the PSAT™ 8/9 to eligible eighth graders as a state accountability test. Therefore, educators must request accommodations for the Michigan-provided PSAT 8/9 through the College Board's Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD).

Educators can go to collegeboard.org/ssdonline and submit either state-allowed or College Board–approved requests:

- **State-allowed (recommended):** Provides an accommodation for the Spring 2019 test only according to a student's current eighth grade IEP or 504 Plan.
- **College Board–approved:** Provides an accommodation for the Spring 2019 test according to a student's current eighth grade IEP or 504 Plan, and the request approval carries forward to future year's assessment. **Please note that choosing this option does not change the IEP team's responsibility to review student needs and necessary accommodations at each annual review.**

| | State-Allowed (Recommended) | College Board–Approved |
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| When to submit requests | Early January through February 19, 2019. | Anytime. However, the spring PSAT 8/9 deadline is February 19, 2019. |
| Approval | All requests are automatically approved. | Most requests are approved. |
| Required documentation | None. | Documentation is needed for some requests. Approval decisions take about 7 weeks. |
| Who gets scores | Students, schools, and the Michigan Department of Education. | Students, schools, and the Michigan Department of Education. |

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Accommodations in Ninth Grade

When educators choose either state-allowed or College Board–approved requests for eighth graders, they should consider how those requests will affect students when they reach ninth grade.

- **State-allowed accommodations in eighth grade:** In ninth grade, educators must resubmit requests based on students' transitional IEPs and 504 plans. New requests can be state-allowed or College Board–approved.
- **College Board–approved accommodations in eighth grade:** If students' school codes change in ninth grade, educators must go to collegeboard.org/ssd and transfer students to high school. If students' accommodations change in ninth grade, educators must submit change requests. Otherwise, educators can just confirm students' information is still accurate.

Have Questions?

Go to collegeboard.org/michigan or contact the Michigan field team:

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