

Michigan PSAT 8/9 Accommodations and English Learner Supports 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 test only according to a student's current eighth grade IEP or 504 Plan.
- **College Board–approved:** Provides an accommodation for the Spring 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
When to submit requests	Early January through mid-February.*	Anytime. However, the spring PSAT 8/9 deadline is mid-February.
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.

*Please refer to michigan.gov/psat for specific deadlines.

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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 the new school. If students' accommodations change in ninth grade, educators must submit change requests. Otherwise, educators can just confirm students' information is still accurate.

English Learner Supports

English learners (EL) will be able to utilize EL supports for the Michigan-provided assessments. These supports include the use of an approved word-to-word bilingual glossary, translated test directions, and 50% extended time. Students can use one or any of these supports in combination.

Use of an approved word-to-word bilingual glossary:

- The use of a glossary does NOT require approval by the College Board.
- The approved list is available at collegeboard.org/glossaries.

Use of translated test directions:

- Translated test directions will be available in PDF format. Schools must print the directions for students; no printed test directions will come with the test materials.
- Use of translated test directions does NOT require approval by the College Board.
- Translations will be available in February to print.

Use of 50% extended time:

- Students will receive 50% extended time on each section of the PSAT 8/9. Students must sit for the entire time allotted and cannot go ahead in the test, even if they are the only one testing.
- Although not an accommodation, EL students requiring 50% extended time will need to be identified in SSD Online. Schools can request 50% extended time for ELs starting in January. Students will be automatically approved, and no supporting documentation is required.
- EL students using 50% extended time can be tested with other students with accommodations testing with the same timing and test materials.

Have Questions?

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