

Michigan's PSAT™ 8/9 for Grade 8 Performance Level Information

PSAT 8/9 for Grade 8 content scale scores for Reading/Writing and Math can be divided into ranges. The labels applied to these ranges are called Performance Levels (PL), and each Performance Level has a descriptor. The divisions between the Performance Levels are often referred to as cut scores.

The PSAT 8/9 for Grade 8 Performance Levels and Descriptors are as follows:

- **Not Proficient:** The student's performance is not yet proficient and indicates minimal understanding and application of key academic content standards defined for Michigan students. The student needs intensive intervention and support to improve achievement.
- **Partially Proficient:** The student's performance is not yet proficient, indicating a partial understanding and application of key academic content standards defined for Michigan students. The student needs assistance to improve achievement.
- **Proficient:** The student's performance indicates understanding and application of key academic content standards defined for Michigan students. The student needs continued support to maintain and to improve proficiency.
- **Advanced:** The student's performance exceeds academic content standards and indicates substantial understanding and application of key concepts defined for Michigan students. The student needs support to continue to excel.

The Table below shows four ranges for each of the PSAT 8/9 for Grade 8 content areas. Each range is defined with a Performance Label:

Michigan's PSAT 8/9 for Grade 8 Performance Level Scale Score Ranges					
Subject	Grade	Level 1 Not Proficient	Level 2 Partially Proficient	Level 3 Proficient	Level 4 Advanced
Reading and Writing	8	120-359	360-389	390-439	440-720
Math	8	120-369	370-429	430-509	510-720

Note: Michigan uses the PSAT 8/9 for grade 8 results for measuring proficiency on state academic standards in eighth grade English language arts and mathematics. Students who are proficient or advanced in Reading and Writing and/or in Math have also met the grade level College Board benchmark for those subjects.

Limitations

The PSAT 8/9 for Grade 8 is a summative assessment administered near the end of the student's academic year. Assessment results measure the standards that are assessed; they do not reflect student skills and abilities that are not part of assessed content. Results should be used together with other assessment and classroom performance information to provide a more complete picture of student performance.