

AMOS ALONZO STAGG HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2026: PSAT 8 PLACEMENT TEST

What is the District 230 Placement Test?

District 230 will utilize the PSAT 8 (defined below). The results from this test along with other factors including, but not limited to, eighth grade teacher recommendations, student and parent input and grades contribute to appropriate placement for the upcoming school year.

What is the PSAT 8/9?

The PSAT 8/9, also referred to as PSAT 8, measures reading, writing and language, and math skills. It establishes a baseline of a student's college and career readiness as you enter high school. Furthermore, it provides the opportunity to preview the PSAT 9, PSAT 10 or PSAT/NMSQT and SAT and connection to Advanced Placement courses. More information about the PSAT 8 can be found on the College Board website (www.collegeboard.org).

How can my student prepare?

Families can review the PSAT 8 Inside the Test and PSAT 8 Student Guide from the College Board website for general information, sample test questions and test-taking tips from the College Board website. In preparation of the test date, it is important for students to get plenty of rest, eat a healthy breakfast, arrive on time and to bring the essential tools for the assessment (two non-mechanical No.2 pencils with erasers and a calculator).

What should my student bring on test day?

Your student will need two non-mechanical No. 2 pencils with erasers and a calculator. Students will be permitted to utilize a calculator for a portion of the math subtest.

How long is the assessment?

Testing with standard-time is 2 hours and 25 minutes plus 10 minutes for breaks; additional time will be needed for students to complete pre- and post-test items. The exam contains 42 Reading questions (55 minutes), 40 Writing and Language questions (30 minutes), 13 Math - No Calculator questions (20 minutes) and 25 Math - Calculator questions (40 minutes).

Are testing accommodations provided for the PSAT 8?

The need for testing accommodations must be documented in a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan. This information is provided to Stagg from your child's current school.

What time does my student arrive to Stagg High School on Saturday, November 6, 2021?

See image above for details.

What time should I return for pick-up?

Standard Time: Students participating in standard-time testing should finish testing by 11:15am - 11:30am.

Extended Time: Students eligible for testing accommodations (such as extended time: time and a half) will experience varied end times and may end closer to 1:00pm. Your child can contact you after the PSAT 8 test has been completed.

When will my student receive PSAT 8 scores?

Scores will be distributed at the Class of 2026 Pre-Registration Night on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Stagg Guidance Office at 708-974-7421 or aalas@d230.org.

Testing Day - DROP OFF & PICK UP

Doors open at 7:45am

Test begins at 8:00am

Testing Time *see question below

