



FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

On October 10, 2018, ninth grade students will be taking the PSAT 8/9 for the first time in Fairfield. This will be the first of three practice assessments that students will take in preparation for taking the SAT during their junior year of high school. These scores do not count toward college/university admission. As a student with an IEP or Section 504 Plan, your child may receive accommodations on their school, district and state assessments. However, because this is a practice assessment, IEP and Section 504 testing accommodations do not automatically apply.

The special education department has set guidelines for implementing accommodations for the first administration of the PSAT 8/9 for students with disabilities. It is our recommendation that all students take the standard administration of this assessment without accommodations unless it is specifically agreed upon through the PPT process. We have set our guidelines as such in order to stay compliant with state assessment requirements for students with disabilities. Additionally, taking the PSAT 8/9 with the standard administration will provide a baseline score and allow us to use this actionable data to inform decisions about accommodations for subsequent PSAT, SAT, and other standardized testing.

If your child does not have standardized testing accommodations in their IEP or 504, and/or you or your child's school based team feels that it is appropriate to have an existing accommodation applied to the PSAT 8/9, then the team must hold a brief PPT/Section 504 meeting to recommend appropriate accommodations. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

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