

What Is Readiness?

Readiness™ is a flexible, low-stakes, low-cost eighth-grade assessment that provides early assessment feedback — and helps put students on an early path to college success.

Developed by the College Board, Readiness helps identify the skills students program to put need to develop, and it identifies students who are ready for more challenging course work.

Readiness is the first step on the College Readiness Pathway, an integrated assessment system that includes the PSAT/NMSQT® and SAT®.

Designed to work together, the three feedback tools help educators identify and close achievement gaps from middle school through high school to help all students graduate ready for the rigors of college.

What Does It Measure?

Readiness measures the skills and knowledge students need to be on track to be college ready by the time they enter high school. The assessment is vertically aligned with the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT, and measures the same skills through the same format and question types in three basic academic areas:

MATHEMATICS, WRITING SKILLS, CRITICAL READING

How Can Students, Parents and Educators Benefit from Results?

EARLY FEEDBACK

Readiness provides a view of students' progress toward college readiness while there is still time to make necessary adjustments and target academic areas that may need attention.

SKILLS IDENTIFICATION TO INFORM INSTRUCTION

Through the use of score reports and Readiness Skills Insight™, teachers can identify areas in which students excel, as well as areas in which students require further development — and can develop specific classroom or small-group instruction to more closely address the areas that need improvement.

COURSE SELECTION

Help inform course choices by identifying students who are prepared to be challenged by a rigorous high school program, as well as those who may need more preparation in specific areas.

CURRICULUM

Readiness helps you pinpoint areas in need of curriculum modification, and pacing guides for future school terms. Because the Readiness assessment is based on the College Board Standards for College Success™ (CBSCS), teachers and administrators can use the standards and Readiness Skills Insight to focus on curricular areas that will increase college readiness.

COLLEGE-GOING CULTURE

Promote a college-going culture by administering the assessment to all students, and use results to help students realize that college is within their reach.

ASSESSMENT FORMAT

Total testing time: 2 hours

Three multiple-choice sections:

- Critical Reading — 40 minutes, 45 questions
- Writing Skills — 40 minutes, 50 questions
- Mathematics — 40 minutes, 36 questions

No essays or student-produced response questions

Paper and pencil