

Keystone Central School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Beginning on April 25, 2022, students in grades 3 through 8 will participate in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). As you are well aware, the PSSA has become an integral part of what schools across Pennsylvania are required to do each spring. At this time, the Department of Education has not made any provisions for remote testing, so all students will need to attend in-person testing on their scheduled days. PDE has also not waived any testing or announced any exemptions related to PSSA testing for students currently enrolled in grades 3 through 8.

Parents can help prepare their children for the PSSAs by ensuring proper rest and nutrition. Please make sure your son or daughter gets a good night's rest each night before testing. Also, be sure that they eat a good breakfast each morning before the test, whether at home or by encouraging them to eat the free breakfast that is available to all students each morning at school. Please review the enclosed parent information (as provided to us by the Pennsylvania Department of Education) and the Code of Conduct for Test Takers with your son or daughter. It is recommended that students leave their cell phones at home the day of testing.

IMPORTANT: If students bring a cell phone or any other electronic device (i.e. iPads, iPods, tablets, MP3 players, smart watches, etc.), they will be required to put them in a plastic bag with their name on the bag. The test administrator will collect and store all electronic devices during each test session. These devices will be handed back to students when the testing is over and all test booklets have been removed from the classroom for the day.

The 2022 PSSA testing schedule for the District will be as follows:

- PSSA English Language Arts: April 25 27 (Grades 3-8)
- PSSA Math: May 2 3 (Grades 3-8)
- PSSA Science: May 9 10 (Grade 4 & 8 only)

If your son or daughter is showing signs of excess anxiety about the test or if you have any questions, please contact the school where your child attends. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Justin Evey
District Assessment Coordinator