

April 30, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the month of May, our third, fourth and fifth grade students will be taking a number of Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) exams. Our schedule for taking these assessments is listed below. I am enclosing the Code of Conduct for Test Takers. Please review this with your child and underscore the importance of appropriate behavior.

PSSA Assessment	Grades taking the assessment	Dates
Science	4	May 17 (AM)
English Language Arts (AM)	3, 4 and 5	May 20 (full day), 21
Mathematics	3, 4 and 5	May 24 (full day)

We recognize that many students come to school with SMART phones and other electronic devices which have access to the Internet. These devices are not allowed on site during testing. Students will be asked to give phones, SMART watches, etc. to the teacher for her/him to hold until testing is over for the day. These regulations related to the possession of electronic devices come from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. We will be closely monitoring student possession of electronic devices during each testing window.

Virtual students are required to take the PSSA. They should plan to be in school on the dates above. If you are providing transportation for your child, on May 17 and 21 they may be picked up at noon. Transportation for testing days will be provided by the district if requested. If your child takes the bus to school on May 17 and 21, they will need to stay for the entire school day.

Section 4.4 of Chapter 4 of the State Board of Education regulations provides for the right of any parents or guardians to excuse their child from the state assessment if they find the assessment to be in conflict with their religious beliefs. This is the only basis for a parent or guardian to excuse his or her child from the statewide assessments. If you choose to opt your child out of taking the PSSA, please click on the survey link and complete the form. In order to plan accordingly, please complete this form no later than [May 10, 2021](#). You will receive a receipt of completion once you submit the form as well as a follow-up email confirming your request.

We would like all students to perform to the best of their ability on these state assessments and we need your help. Please ensure that your child is well rested, eats a healthy breakfast either at home or at school, and is at school on time during the days of testing. Thank you for supporting your child's achievement and growth!

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Cubberly

Principal

[Code of Conduct](#)