



April 1, 2022

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Beginning the week of April 25, 2022, all students in grades 3-8 will be participating in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). For all grade levels, the English Language Arts (ELA) assessment will be administered April 25th, 26th, and 28th. The PSSA Math Assessment will be administered May 2nd and 3rd. The PSSA Science Assessment (for grades 4 & 8) will be administered on May 5th and 6th. Elementary School students will be taking their test on paper/pencil and Middle School students will be taking their tests on devices this school year. It is imperative that students arrive at school on time on these testing days, as testing will begin promptly at 8:15am.

For more information regarding the PSSA Assessments, go to www.pdesas.org and choose assessment or visit our website and watch the [Parent 'Prep for the Test' Information Session](#) on our website. The PSSA Assessments are based on the Pennsylvania English & Language Arts, Math, and Science Standards. The assessments are designed to assist school districts in determining the quality of their educational programs. Parents can reassure children that these assessments give them an opportunity to demonstrate their learning and the data is interpreted by the state to provide support for schools who are underperforming.

Per the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), there are rules and policies regarding electronic devices (cell phones, smartphones, and other prohibited devices) during the administration of the PSSA Exams. Please refer to the [Electronic Device Policy](#) on our website and share this important information below with your child:

- We encourage students, if applicable, to leave all electronic devices including cell phones, smart watches, fitness trackers and electronic reading devices at home on the days of testing.
- Students are not permitted to have cell phones, smart phones, smart watches, fitness trackers, cameras, and other prohibited electronic devices during the administration of the assessment. These items will be collected as students enter the testing site (classroom), should they bring them to school. These items will be returned to the student, once all testing is complete for that day.

We thank parents and guardians for supporting the assessments. Here are some ways you can assist at home:

- Be sure your child receives a good night's sleep (at least 8 hours).
- Start the day with plenty of time and avoid a morning rush to school.
- Be sure your child gets to school on time for breakfast.
- Please avoid unnecessary absences.
- Do not schedule any medical or other appointments during the test times.
- Encourage your child to do his/her best work.

Please feel free to contact your child's team leader should you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

Regards,
EEACS Administration

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