



CONNEAUT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Conneaut School District will participate in the 2024 statewide Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) beginning April 22 through May 10, 2024. Students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will take the English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science Assessments. Please check the PSSA Calendar at the district website or contact your respective school for the specific grades and dates of each test.

Section 4.4 of Chapter 4 provides for the right of parents (or guardians) to excuse their children from the state **assessment if upon inspection of the testing materials, they find the assessment to be in conflict with their religious beliefs. This is the only basis for a parental excusal from the statewide assessments.** The state assessments will be available for parents (or guardians) to review beginning 2 weeks prior to the administration of the test. The assessments must be reviewed at the school. Parents/guardians who desire to review the assessment forms will be asked to sign a prepared statement concerning the requirements of assessment security and confidentiality. They may not photocopy, write, or in any other manner records any portion of the assessment including directions. **After reviewing the test(s), parents/guardians must provide a written request addressed to the superintendent for excusal based upon religious conflict.**

If you wish to review the assessments, please contact your child's school and make arrangements with the School Counselor to examine the test materials from April 17 - 19, 2024.

The assessment is used to measure a student's attainment of the academic standards. It also determines the degree to which school programs enable students to attain proficiency of the standards. Since this information provides valuable local data for planning future school programs, curriculum development, in-service training, and informs the public concerning student achievement, it is very important for all children in the designated grades to put forth their best effort.

The information attached to this letter will help answer questions that you may have regarding the assessments. If you require additional information regarding the state assessment program, please contact your child's building principal or school counselor.

Sincerely,

Jarrin Sperry
Superintendent

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*The mission of the Conneaut School District
is to provide a safe and supportive environment in which all students
acquire the skills necessary to become productive members of a global society.*