

To: Lower Moreland Middle School Families
From: Jennifer Dilks, Principal & Matthew Heiland, Assistant Principal
Re: PSSA & Keystone Schedule for Spring 2025
Date: March 3, 2025

Listed below are the dates for this year's PSSA and the grade levels that will be participating in the assessment. Students are well prepared for these assessments through the Lower Moreland curriculum.

PSSA English Language Arts: April 22, April 23, and April 24

PSSA Math: April 29 & April 30

PSSA Science: Grade 8 only, May 1 & May 2

Algebra Keystone: Students enrolled in Algebra I, May 14 and May 16

We will be doing online testing. Please make sure your child's Chromebook is charged before coming to school each day, particularly on scheduled testing dates.

More information on the PSSA assessment can be found [HERE](#).

More information on the Algebra 1 Keystone assessment can be found [HERE](#).

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) updates school districts on test administration procedures and policies every year. PDE continues to emphasize the importance of test security, particularly regarding prohibited electronic devices other than the Chromebook for testing. PDE has instructed us to share the information below with families and students. You can also view the policy [HERE](#). Thank you for your assistance in reinforcing the importance of compliance with these policies with your child.

- Cell phones, smartphones, Apple watches, and other electronic devices are prohibited during test administrations. Students must leave cell phones and Apple watches off and in their lockers or at home.
- Students who violate this policy will have their testing session invalidated and will have to retake the exam.
- If a student brings a phone or electronic device into a testing session, the device will be confiscated until a parent or guardian can pick it up. If any items on the assessment have been compromised and can no longer be used and must be replaced, the parents and students may be responsible for the replacement cost.
- Violating the no-cell phone rule will result in discipline, consistent with the Code of Conduct. The discipline may vary depending on whether test material has been compromised.

Chapter 4 of Title 22 of the Pa. Code (22 Pa. code 4.4) provides for the right of a parent/guardian to excuse their child from the state assessment **only for religious reasons**. Please be advised that opting students out of testing has a negative impact on the student participation rate, as we are subject to a federal requirement to have 95 percent or more of the students participate.

Parents/Guardians who believe they might have a religious objection to the content of these state assessments must view each exam in person. If you believe you may have a religious objection, please email Jennifer Dilks at jdilks@lmtsd.org to schedule a time to view the test(s) in person. A Parent/Guardian who views the assessments and finds them to conflict with their religious beliefs must document the religious objection after viewing the exam by sending an email/letter to the Superintendent of Schools for approval. All opt-out requests, assessment reviews, and letters to the Superintendent should be received before the tests to best schedule our sessions.

Thank you for your support!