



Dear Parent/Guardian:

In an era of cell phones, smartphones and other electronic devices which can easily photograph and instantly share photographs, confidential and secure test materials can be easily compromised. Not only is it expensive to replace a compromised test item, the material contained in the PSSA and Keystone Exams is copyrighted property of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Copying or duplicating the material from the assessment, including the taking of a photograph of secure assessment material, is a violation of the federal Copyright Act. Penalties for violations of the Copyright Act may include the cost of replacing the compromised test item(s) or fines of no less than \$750 up to \$30,000 for a single violation (17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.).

In order to ensure reliable test results and to avoid the cost of replacing test items, the Department of Education requires schools to set rules and take certain steps to protect test materials. Electronic devices such as but not limited to cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, E-readers, Nooks, Kindles, iPods, tablets, camera-ready devices, and any other electronic device which can be used to photograph or duplicate test materials, access the internet and/or communicate with others during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams are not permitted in any testing site. Please speak with your child and let your child know that the possession and/or use of a cell phone or other electronic device during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams will result in consequences.

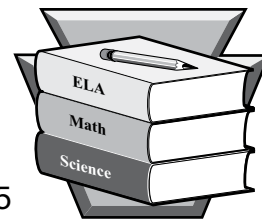
You will be contacted by the school if your child is discovered using and/or having a cell phone or other unapproved electronic device during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams. Students who ignore this directive will be subject to the school's discipline policy and the Department of Education's requirement that the student's test will not be scored and the student will be required to retake the entire exam. The electronic device will be held by school staff, and the device's stored photographs and other functions will be examined with your permission. You may request to be present when the electronic device is examined. If a photograph of the PSSA or Keystone Exam is discovered or if permission to search other functions of the electronic device is refused, the device will be held by the school staff. The Pennsylvania Department of Education holds the copyright to all material contained within the PSSA and Keystone Exams, the Pennsylvania Department of Education will be contacted and further action may be taken.

If, after testing is complete and test materials have been returned, it is discovered that a student used and/or had a cell phone or other unapproved electronic device during the administration of the test, the school's discipline policy will be followed and the student's test will not be scored.

Information for Parents or Guardians

Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)

English Language Arts Assessment, April 21–25, 2025
Mathematics and Science Assessment, April 28–May 9, 2025



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PSSA

Which schools participate?

All school districts and charter schools participate in the assessments. Nonpublic and private schools may also participate on a voluntary basis.

Which students take the assessments?

Except for a very few students who meet specific criteria for participation in an alternate assessment, all students are included in the assessments as outlined below:

ELA & Mathematics—Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8
Science—Grades 5 and 8

Who decided what the assessments should measure?

Groups of educators from all levels of education in Pennsylvania chose the areas of knowledge and skills upon which the assessments are based. The groups included teachers, supervisors, curriculum directors, and college specialists. They also reviewed, edited, and approved the test items.

Who administers the assessments?

Each school chooses the person(s) who will administer the assessments. In most cases, these are teachers in the students' building.

How are the results reported?

Two copies of the individual student report for all assessments will be sent to all schools and districts that participate for distribution to parents, teachers, school counselors, and/or principals. The state will not receive any report with individual names included.

School-level reports will be used for curricular and planning purposes. School districts and charter schools may publish the results of PSSA testing for each school. The state will also release school-by-school assessment data.

May parents see the assessments?

Yes, under one circumstance. School entities are required to have policies to ensure that parents or guardians have the right to review a state assessment in the school entity during convenient hours for parents or guardians from the time testing materials are received to the end of the make-up schedule in order to determine whether a state assessment conflicts with

their religious belief. This is the only reason allowable under regulation.

Confidentiality agreements must be signed, and no copies of the assessments or notes about assessment items will be permitted to leave the school. If after reviewing the test, parents or guardians find the test to be in conflict with their religious belief and wish their student(s) to be excused from the test, the right of the parents or guardians will not be denied upon written request to the applicable school district Superintendent, charter school Chief Executive Officer, or AVTS Director. Parents or guardians should contact their child's school to make arrangements to review the test.

Report Testing Irregularities

Parents/guardians who believe that a testing irregularity may have occurred may email ra-edirregularities@pa.gov to report the incident.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ASSESSMENT (grades 3 through 8)

How long does the assessment take?

The entire English Language Arts assessment takes approximately three to four hours to complete. Your school district will inform you about the assessment schedule.

What does the assessment include?

Each student completes three sections of questions for the English Language Arts assessment. Some portions will be the same for all students, and some will consist of different groups of questions.

What types of questions are on the assessment?

Students respond to multiple-choice, evidence-based selected-response, technology-enhanced, and constructed-response questions. In a multiple-choice question, the correct answer(s) is chosen from four options. Evidence-based selected-response questions have two parts, and students select one or more answers for each part. Technology-enhanced questions use interactive formats to allow students to construct answers. Constructed-response questions may include a short-answer (grade 3) or text dependent analysis (grades 4 through 8). Short-answer questions require students to compose a brief response to support their answer. For the text dependent analysis question, students analyze a text and use evidence from the reading passage to compose an essay.

How are written responses to constructed-response items scored?

The written responses for English Language Arts are scored by evaluators trained in applying an ELA-specific scoring guideline. For short-answer questions, scores are based on content only. Spelling and punctuation are not included as part of the scoring process. Responses to text dependent analysis questions are scored based on both content and writing skills.

What is assessed in English Language Arts?

The English Language Arts assessment addresses six major reporting categories as well as two text types. Students respond to standalone questions assessing language. Additionally, students read a number of passages from literature and informational genres and respond to questions about these passages that indicate both comprehension and reading skills and the students' analysis and interpretation of different types of texts.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT (grades 3 through 8)

How long does the assessment take?

The entire mathematics assessment takes approximately two to three hours to complete. Your school district will inform you about the assessment schedule.

What does the assessment include?

Each student completes two sections of questions for the mathematics assessment. Some portions will be the same for all students, and some will consist of different groups of questions.

What types of questions are on the assessment?

Students respond to three types of questions: multiple-choice, technology-enhanced, and open-ended. In a multiple-choice question, the correct answer is chosen from the four presented options. Technology-enhanced questions use interactive formats to allow students to construct answers. Open-ended questions require students to compose their responses. Open-ended questions generally require students to provide detail in support of their answers (such as showing or describing the steps performed to complete a calculation).

How are written responses to open-ended items scored?

The written responses for mathematics open-ended items are scored by evaluators trained in applying a mathematics-specific scoring guideline. In mathematics, scores are based on content only. Spelling and punctuation are not included as part of the scoring process.

What is assessed in Mathematics?

The mathematics assessment addresses five major reporting categories across four clusters. The reporting categories assessed and the proportion of questions in each reporting category vary by grade level. As a part of the assessment of Cluster A, Numbers and Operations, students in grades 4 through 8 respond to a set of questions without a calculator. Constructed-response items may require the students to show all of their work (e.g., calculations, graphs, drawings) and/or to explain in writing how they solved the problems.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCIENCE ASSESSMENT (grades 5 and 8)

How long does the assessment take?

The entire science assessment takes approximately one to two hours to complete. Your school district will inform you about the assessment schedule.

What does the assessment include?

Students in grades 5 and 8 complete two sections of questions for the science assessment. The science assessment will consist of different groups of questions on different test forms.

What types of questions are on the assessment?

Students respond to three types of questions: multiple-choice, technology-enhanced, and open-ended. In a multiple-choice question, the correct answer is chosen from the four presented options. Technology-enhanced questions use interactive formats to allow students to construct answers. Open-ended questions require students to compose their responses. Grades 5 and 8 may also include science scenarios.

What is a science scenario?

A science scenario contains text, graphics, charts, and/or tables and uses these elements to describe the results of a class project, an experiment, or other similar research. Students use the information found in a science scenario to answer multiple-choice questions.

How are written responses to open-ended items scored?

The written responses for science open-ended items are scored by evaluators trained in applying a science-specific scoring guideline. In science, scores are based on content only. Spelling and punctuation are not included as part of the scoring process.

What is assessed in science?

The science assessment addresses the four major reporting categories: Technology and Engineering, Life Sciences & Environmental Literacy and Sustainability, Physical Sciences, and Earth and Space Sciences. The proportion of items in each reporting category varies by grade level.



PENNSYLVANIA CALCULATOR POLICY

If a student chooses to use a calculator (other than the online options) on the Keystone Exams or PSSA in sections where the calculator is permitted, the student must adhere to the guidelines listed below. It is incumbent upon the School Assessment Coordinator to ensure that all calculator policies are implemented and followed, including making sure calculators have no programs or other data stored in their memory other than those that are factory installed. Please note that if a student wants to restore the deleted programs, the student will need to back up these programs prior to the assessment. In addition, the memory must be cleared on the calculator prior to and following each test session of the assessment. This task must be completed by the Test Administrator or Proctor. Students are not to complete this task.

Calculators with testing mode or exam mode must have the testing mode or exam mode activated prior to the exam session by the Test Administrator or Proctor. Directions to activate testing mode or exam mode are provided on the PDE website.

The following are not permitted for the PSSA or Keystone Exams:

- Devices that have a primary purpose other than functioning as a calculator such as cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, PDAs, laptops, tablets, pocket organizers, etc.
- Calculators with infrared, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, or other beaming or wireless capabilities, unless the beaming or wireless capabilities are disabled
- Calculators with built-in Computer Algebra Systems (CAS)
- Calculators that make noise, have paper tape, need to be plugged in, or talk; these specific calculators can only be used as a required accommodation as stated in the Accommodations Guidelines
- Calculators shared by students during a test session
- Any and all non-factory (add-on) programs or information stored in the calculator

This calculator policy is intended to be a general description of what is not allowed. It is not meant to be an exhaustive list of specific calculators, devices, or technologies that must not be used on the PSSA or Keystone Exams. Please note that as technology changes, this policy may also change.

Michael R. Loughead, Ed.D.,
Superintendent



Rebecca J. Cunningham, Ed.D.,
Assistant Superintendent

January 10, 2025

Dear Hampton Elementary School Families:

Please pass the word along to your friends and family – 2025 Kindergarten registration has begun!

Information regarding Kindergarten registration will be published in the local paper and placed on the HTSD Website (www.ht-sd.org). In the meantime, please spread the word to neighbors who may be new in the community or to those without children currently enrolled in Hampton Township Elementary Schools. Registering on time is important so the District can plan appropriately for the number of students who will be attending school in the fall.

Registration for Kindergarten and any first-grade students new to Hampton Schools will take place virtually. To register, please access the HTSD website www.ht-sd.org, click the “About” Tab and access the “Register Your Child” link. Once there, families will find detailed instructions for registration. Be sure to upload completed packets and documentation to the appropriate elementary school.

All families are encouraged to complete the online registration process by February 7, 2025.

Children ready to enter Kindergarten should be five years old by August 15, 2025. First graders should be six years old by August 15, 2025. A birth certificate or other acceptable evidence of birth and proof of Hampton residency (**closing papers, lease agreement, rent receipt or residency form AND utility bill, cable bill, paid wage tax receipt, driver's license, guardianship form, or court order**) are necessary before children can be enrolled. Proof of immunization is necessary as well.

Parents of children who do not meet the above-mentioned age requirements must submit a written request for early admission to the building principal by April 15, 2025. This request should state reasons why early admission to school is appropriate for the child, including information and test data from the school(s) he or she may have attended previously. Admission will be based upon the recommendation of the school in which the student seeks enrollment and the authorization of the Principal and Superintendent.

Thank you for sharing this important information with the Hampton Community. If you have any questions, please reach out to Central Elementary Principal, Dr. Amy Kern, at 412-492-6320; Poff Elementary Principal, Dr. Colleen Hannagan, at 412-492-6335; or Wyland Elementary Principal, Dr. Michael Silbaugh, at 412-492-6345.

Sincerely,

Rebecca J. Cunningham, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent

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Hampton Township School District Kindergarten Registration and Grade 1 Registration for those new to Hampton Elementary Schools

2025-
2026

VIRTUAL REGISTRATION

Families are encouraged to begin the process as soon as they are ready and to complete it by February 7th. Please register **ASAP**, so that the District can plan ahead for all students.

Central Elementary. (412-492-6320)

Poff Elementary. (412-492-6335)

Wyland Elementary. (412-492-6345)

Access www.HT-SD.org

Access About Tab

Access Register Your Child Tab

Upload Completed Packets and
Documentation to the Appropriate
Elementary School.



WHAT IS NEEDED

- 1) Birth Certificate
- 2) Immunization Record
- 3) Proof of Hampton Residency:
 - a) Closing papers, lease agreement, rent receipt, or residency form
 - AND**
 - b) Utility bill, cable bill, paid wage tax receipt, driver's license, guardianship form, court order, etc. (These items must have the same address as those listed under "a" above.)

Entrance Requirements

Kindergarten

Five (5) years of age by
August 15, 2025

Grade 1

Six (6) years of age by
August 15, 2025



Administration Office

4591 School Drive
Allison Park, PA 15101
Website: www.ht-sd.org
412-486-6000

KINDERGARTEN AND BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

EMPOWERING STUDENTS

The YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh is thrilled to welcome your soon-to-be kindergartener! Did you know we offer Kindergarten Wraparound (K-Wrap) programs and Before & After School Care conveniently located at multiple schools through Hampton?

About Our K-Wrap Program

Our Kindergarten Wraparound program provides a safe, engaging, and enriching environment for your child, extending their learning and social development beyond the classroom.

- Flexible Scheduling to accommodate your family's needs.
- Exciting Activities that promote creativity, physical fitness, and social skills.
- Caring, Experienced Staff to ensure your child thrives in a safe and supportive environment.

Registration for Kwrap families opens on Feb. 6. at 8:00 AM

Registration for all families opens on Feb. 10 at 8:00 AM

SPACES FILL UP QUICKLY - ACT FAST!

Central Elementary (Serving Central, Hampton, Poff, Wyland Elementary Schools)

4100 Middle Rd. Allison Park, PA 15101

OFFERING:

Before School

Mon-Fri 7:00 – 8:15 AM

After School

Mon-Fri 3:30 – 6:00 PM

KWrap

Mon-Fri 8:45 AM - 12:45 PM
Mon-Fri 11:25 AM - 3:30 PM

Youth Development Business Office

7140 Bennett St. Pittsburgh, PA 15208 | 412 573 4166



**BACK BY
POPULAR
DEMAND!**

POFF PLAYGROUND PROJECT: TALBOTS PLAY TOGETHER

**POFF LIVE FUNDRAISER!
TICKETS ON SALE AT LUNCH &
OPEN HOUSE
MARCH 24-27**

**WIN A CHANCE TO BE A
GUEST ANNOUNCER
ON POFF LIVE!**

**COST: \$1 PER CHANCE
(CASH ONLY PLEASE)
WINNERS PICKED: 3/28
APPEAR ON POFF LIVE: 4/11**



**TWO WINNERS
WILL BE
SELECTED!**



Poff Elementary PTO

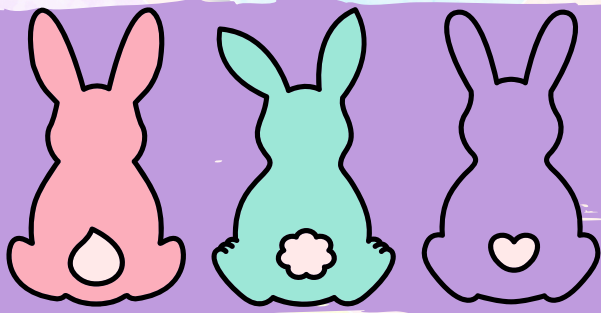
03/26/2025

Call the Pasquale's Pizzeria closest to your home. Pasquale's will donate 20% of your total order to your organization.

YOU MUST MENTION YOUR GROUP WHEN CALLING OR DESIGNATE IN THE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS BOX ONLINE.

FERGUSON RD	ROUTE 8
2412 Ferguson Rd	4731 William Flynn Hwy
412-487-2446	724-443-8800

PICK UP OR DELIVERY • ORDERPASQUALES.COM



Poff
PTO

BETSY ANN FUNDRAISER

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE
ORDER FORM IN FOLDERS

Orders Due March 31st

PICK UP APRIL 15TH AT POFF
3:45 PM - 5 PM



STUDENT WITH THE HIGHEST
SALES TOTAL WINS A SPRING
THEMED BASKET WITH TOYS,
GAMES AND LOTS OF FUN
THINGS!

THE CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST
SALES TOTAL WINS A SPECIAL
TREAT FOR THEIR WHOLE
CLASS!

CHECKS OR PAYPAL ACCEPTED

POFF PTO

March 3-17th

Read·A·Thon



PRIZES AND FUN!

CREATE A PROFILE

RECEIVE AN "I LOVE TO READ" BRACELET!



SIGN YOUR READER
UP TODAY!



EARN RAT BUCKS!

15% OF YOUR DONATIONS WILL BE
TURNED INTO RAT BUCKS!

*MUST USE RAT BUCKS BY 3/27!



SHOP REWARDS



TOP READERS

MOST MINUTES LOGGED

OVERALL TOP READER

- READING MEDAL
- RIVERSTONE BOOKSTORE GIFT CARD - \$25
- STEM ROBOT

EACH GRADE'S TOP READER

- READING MEDAL
- MINI LCD WRITING TABLETS



RAFFLE TICKETS

(1) TICKET EARNED FOR EVERY 30 MINS
LOGGED! RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE:

- GUEST ANNOUNCER ON POFF LIVE!
- NECK READING LAMPS
- STEM KIT



Poff Talent Show Program Booklet ★

Shout-Outs and Advertisements!

We are curating a Talent Show program booklet to pass out during our show on March 20th, 2025. Please consider adding to our book!



★ Size Options:

- Simple Star Shout-Outs Approx 2" x 2.5"
 - Include name (can be stage name), photo, and shout-out text limited to 235 characters. **\$20**
- Business Card Size Approx 2" x 3.5" **\$25**
- Half Page Approx 4" x 5" **\$35**
- Full Page Approx 5" x 8" **\$70**

Advertise to many Hampton families

★ How to Submit:

- Email the EXACT text to use plus digital photos/logos to Fundraising.PoffPTO@gmail.com by March 10th.
- Payments can be made via PayPal @PoffPTO2990 or by check to Poff PTO.



Poff Elementary's

ANNUAL

Talent

Show

THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH

6:00 PM

Hampton Middle School Auditorium

4589 School Road, Allison Park, PA 15101

For more details and to register Performers &
Stage Crew, please scan the QR code below:



Any questions, please email Alyssa at alyssa.ann5210@gmail.com

Create your 2 free custom yearbook pages for POFF ELEMENTARY

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Add Photos

Add your favorite photos from your phone, computer, Instagram, Facebook, Google or Dropbox account, and have them printed in your copy of the yearbook.



Sign Books

Make your friends smile by sending them a message (can include a photo or sticker) that they can add to their custom pages or ask them to send you one!



Add Memories

Answer questions about your year and capture your very best moments. You can even include a photo to go along with them.



Design Your Page

Add all of your memories to your two free personal pages that will be printed in your unique copy of the yearbook. Need more room? You can add more pages!

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

1 Go to: www.treering.com/validate

2 Enter your school's passcode:
1015995942562782

Regular price: **\$24.08**

Create Custom Pages by: **Apr 19**

Need help? Contact
www.treering.com/help



POFF ELEMENTARY PTO

2024 Fall Events Calendar



October

10/21 - 10/25 - Scholastic Book Fair

10/31 - Parade & Halloween Parties:

- **AM Kdg: Parade - 10:15 am**
 - **Party - 10:25 am - 11:10 am**
- **PM Kdg & 1st - 5th Grade:**
 - **Parade: 2:15 pm**
 - **Parties: 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm**

November

11/7- 11/8 - Parent-Teacher conferences

11/26 - Thankful Luncheon

11/27 - Kindergarten Puppet Shows

TBD - PTO General Meeting

***Square1 Art Fundraiser**

***Bruster's Pie Fundraiser**

December

12/6 - Snowball Dance

12/11 - 5th Grade Band Concert

12/12 - 4th/5th Chorus & 4th Band Concert

12/17 - Orchestra Concert

12/20 - Winter Parties

TBD - Holiday Shop

TBD - Build-A-Talnot Fundraiser

Poff Yearbook

**Purchase your Poff Yearbook by October 31st
and receive 10% off!**

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook:

- Use The QR Code, or:
- Go to: www.treering.com/validate
 - Enter your school's passcode:
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Membership Dues

- **Suggested monetary donation of \$20 per family**
- You can send money one of two ways:
 - Pay with PayPal by scanning the QR code
 - Cash or check contributions can be made out to "Poff PTO"



PTO Emails:

President: president.poffpto@gmail.com

Vice President: vpresident.poffpto@gmail.com

Co-Secretaries: secretaries.poffpto@gmail.com

Co-Treasurers: treasurers.poffpto@gmail.com

Event Coordinators:

- eventcoordinators.poffpto@gmail.com

Fundraising Chair: fundraising.poffpto@gmail.com

Key Communicators:

- keycommunicator.poffpto@gmail.com

News, Programs & Resources for Our School Community

March Library Programs:

**Whatever the Weather,
the Library has
something for
everybbaady
(we're not lion)**

Meet Me at the Movies: Tuesday, March 11th @ 1:00
We'll be watching "Wicked"

Cooks-n-Books: Thursday, March 27th @ 6:30pm
Theme is "Restaurant Copy Cats"

Card Club: Meets Wednesdays from 1:00-3:30pm

News & Views: March 7th @ 1:00pm

Book Discussion Groups:

Murder by the Book

Wednesday, March 19th @ 6:30pm

Justice: A Hollywood Homicide by Jeffrey Boyd

Betty's Book Buzz

Friday, March 21st @ 1:00pm

Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert

This is the Book Club You've Been Waiting For

Friday, February 14th @ 10:00am

Fuzz by Mary Roach

TRIVIA NIGHT

**Friday, March 21st, 2025
7:00pm**

Gather your fact-finding friends
for a fun night out!

Registration starts March 1 @ the Library

\$20 per person, teams of 6-10 people
(adults only)

Doors open 6:30pm
BYO drinks & snacks, \$5 corkage fee

It's a Wonder-filled World Story Time

Join Ms. Leslie for Drop-In Story Time, featuring a
morning of programs designed to support early literacy.

All ages & abilities welcome.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 10:30-12:30

**Through March 14. NO Storytime on March 18, 19 & 20th*

10:30- Stories & Songs

10:45 Investigate & Create

11:00 Stories & Songs

11:30 Parachute Play

11:50 Stories & Songs

12:00 Stay & Play

**Full calendar of events can be found on our website:
www.hamptoncommunitylibrary.org**



HYLAX

“Drop In” Practice

**WOULD YOUR K-8 SON LIKE TO TRY
LACROSSE?**

BUT NOT READY TO COMMIT?

COME TO A HYLAX PRACTICE!

**WEEKNIGHT PRACTICE @ POFF
SUNDAY PRACTICE @ NO OFF SEASON**

Reach out to HYLAX coach, *Jeff Christy*, to arrange
a time that works for your son.

412.818.6409



HAMPTON



YOUTH LACROSSE



2025 Boys HYLAX Registration Open

Visit www.hamptonyouthlacrosse.com for more information

Free rental equipment for new players
Indoor training begins in January
Outdoor training begins in March

Join the HBA this winter!

1ST & 2ND GRADE
WINTER
LEAGUE

The Hampton Basketball Association (HBA), in collaboration with Fox Chapel Winter League, provides a developmental 3v3 league with Hampton kids and coaches.

One practice, one game per week.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN AT
WWW.FCAREA.ORG

QUESTIONS?

jess.papcunik@gmail.com





HAMPTON TOWNSHIP GIRLS LACROSSE CLUB 2024/2025 FULL SEASON

REGISTER NOW

***NO PAYMENTS DUE TILL MARCH**

***USA LAX NUMBER REQUIRED**

KINDERGARTEN-8TH GRADE

ALL LEVELS

Practices:

Tuesday & Thursday 5-6pm U8/U10

Tuesday 6-7- U12/U14

Thursday 5-7 U/12-U14

**REGISTER
HERE**



POFF ELEMENTARY GYM

HAMPTONGIRLSLACROSSE.COM

