

Waynesburg Central Junior High School

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

Beginning April 23, 2025, your student will be participating in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA), a state-mandated standardized assessment for all students in grades 3-8. All junior high students will participate in English Language Arts in the mornings on April 23, 24, and 25, and Mathematics on April 29 and 30. All 8th grade students will participate in the Science modules the morning of May 1, 2025.

To best prepare your child for success on the day of the exams, we encourage students to:

- Get enough sleep (at least 8 hours) and be well rested.
- Start the day with enough time to get to school without rushing.
- Eat breakfast at home, or at school before 8:00am. All student are eligible for free breakfast.
- Dress comfortably, or in layers.

Dr. Kelly Somband

Avoid unnecessary absences and attempt to not schedule doctor appointments the mornings of testing days.

Included with this letter are important documents from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) for further information regarding PSSA and electronic devices.

- Frequently Asked Questions Information for Parents or Guardians provides an overview of the basics of the PSSA
- Electronic Devices Parent Letter details the PDE policy on and consequences for using cell phones and other electronic devices during testing phones and other electronic devices during testing.

Please note, a student identified/found with a cell phone in their possession will require an immediate investigation to ensure test security has not been breached and may include disciplinary action at the school level in addition to potential consequences from the PDE.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming state testing, please contact the School Assessment Coordinator, Ashley Deurlein, at adeurlein@cgsd.org.

Thank you,