



# Mifflinburg Area Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Pennsylvania School Assessment (PSSA) will soon begin for all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attending the Mifflinburg Area School District. The assessments will be administered in the mornings on the following dates:

April 23, 24, 25	English Language Arts (all grades)
April 28 & 29	Mathematics (all grades)
April 30 & May 1	Science (eighth grade)

New this year, PSSAs will be administered electronically on students' Chromebooks via the state's testing platform: DRC. This is the same platform students use to take their CDTs. Because of the delivery method, we will be asking students to leave their Chromebooks at the middle school overnight beginning Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, that way students are prepared for testing upon their return from Spring Break.

Parents often ask what they can do to help their children prepare for PSSAs. Here are a few suggestions that can impact performance:

- Encourage your student(s) to get plenty of rest by going to bed early.
- Start the day off with a nutritious breakfast. Breakfast is served daily, free of charge, in our cafeteria. Additional snacks and juices will be available in students' homerooms prior to the start of the tests.
- Encourage your students to do their very best on the assessment. PSSAs are not timed; any student can have the option for extended time to complete the assessment.
- Schedule appointments for non-testing days or in the afternoons. If your student is absent from a testing session or needs to leave early, please notify us right away. Make-up sessions will be offered in the afternoons for students who were not present during morning testing sessions.

Attached you will find the following documents from the PA Department of Education for review:

- Parent letter about electronic devices
- Calculator Policy
- PSSA FAQs

Please don't hesitate to contact us at 570-966-8290 if there are any questions or concerns about the assessment. We appreciate your continued support for our students!

Sincerely,

*Daryl Hunsberger, Principal*  
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