

Winter Keystone Exams:

January 5 – Jan 16, 2026

Pocono Mountain School District

Parent Opt Out Procedure:

1. At least two weeks prior to the testing window, assessments must be available for review by parents/guardians.
2. The parent/guardian makes a request in writing to the Pocono Mountain School District Superintendent (Dr. Robison) to view the Keystone assessment. The written request is maintained in file at the Pocono Mountain School District Central Administration office by the District Assessment Coordinator (Dr. Sweeney)
3. A copy of this request is sent to the school assessment coordinator (building principal) where the student attends.
4. The assessment must be reviewed on district property and district personnel (school assessment coordinator/guidance staff) must be present at all times.
5. Pocono Mountain School District must provide a convenient time for the parent/guardian to review the contents of the exam.
6. Proper security and confidentiality must be maintained at all times.
7. Parents/guardians must sign the Parent Confidentiality Agreement. A copy of this must be maintained by the school assessment coordinator.
8. Parents/guardians may not photocopy, write down, or in any other manner record any portion of the assessments, including directions.
9. If after reviewing the test parents/guardians find the test to be in conflict with their religious beliefs and wish their student(s) to be excused from the test, the parents/guardians must provide a written request that states their objection to the Pocono Mountain School District Superintendent of schools.
10. If the student is excused from the state assessment due to parental or guardian request, the student must be provided with an alternative learning environment during the assessment and select "Student had a parental exclusion based on "Chapter 4 rules."
11. If a parent refuses to have his/her child participate in the assessment but does not provide a reason in accordance with Chapter 4 rules, school personnel must select "student had a parental exclusion based on other reasons."