



ELIZABETH FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Elizabeth Forward School District will administer the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) during the dates listed in the table below. The dates of the testing window are established by the PA Department of Education (PDE):

Elementary School Schedule	Dates	Middle School Schedule	Dates
iPad Prep	April 17	iPad Prep	April 20
ELA (3 Days)	April 20 - 22	ELA (3 Days)	April 21 - 23
Math (2 Days)	April 27 - 28	Math (2 Days)	April 28 - 29
Science – 5 th Grade ONLY (2 Days)	April 29 - 30	Science – 8 th Grade ONLY (1 Day)	April 30
Make-ups	May 4 - 8	Make-ups	May 4 - 8
		Keystone Algebra	May 13 - 14

You can review important policies/procedures associated with the state testing requirements on our district website:

[Information for Parents/Guardians](#)

[Code of Conduct for Test Takers](#)

[Use of Cell Phones/Electronic Devices](#)

[Calculator Policy](#)

Testing Opt Out Information:

[Opt-Out Information](#)

[Parent Confidentiality Agreement](#)

All PSSA Exams will be administered online this year. Students will have an opportunity during school hours to practice using the “[online tools](#)” training during school hours. They can also practice at anytime using their iPad at home.

The tests are designed to align with Pennsylvania's Academic Standards for each subject area, ensuring that the assessments accurately reflect classroom learning. These assessments provide valuable data that our school district uses for curriculum planning and improvement. The results also contribute to the Pennsylvania Department of Education School Performance Profile, reflecting our district's overall academic performance. It is important that all students participate and give their best effort to ensure an accurate representation of our district/student achievement.

Parents can help their children prepare for the assessments by ensuring they have plenty of rest the night before and have a good breakfast on testing days. These few weeks can be stressful for children, so please affirm their readiness and confidence to take these assessments. No homework assignments will be given on testing days.

Thank you in advance for your support. Please contact your child's building principal if you have any questions regarding the PSSA test or specific administration dates.

Educationally yours,

Dr. Perry

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