

Spring 2026

PSSA Exams:

English Language Arts, Mathematics, & Science Assessment, Monday, April 20 -

April, 30, 2026

According to 2026 Pennsylvania PSSA Assessment Handbook, the protocol for parental request for exclusion from the assessment is as follows 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 PSSA 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."

More information on the opt-out can be found at

<https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/022/chapter4/s4.51a.html&searchunitkeywords=pssa%27s&origQuery=pssa%27s&operator=OR&title=null>

Important Dates

- PSSA
 - The 2025 PSSA testing window begins Monday, April 20, 2026.
 - Tests can be viewed from April 6-17, 2026.
 - No opt-outs will be accepted after April 17, 2026.
- Keystone Exams
 - The 2026 Keystone testing window begins Monday, May 11, 2026.
 - Tests can be viewed from April 27 - May 8, 2026.
 - No opt-outs will be accepted after May 8, 2026.