Pennsylvania System of School Assessment 2026 (PSSA) At-A-Glance

KENNETT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHAT?



The PSSA is an annual standards-based assessment taken in grades 3 - 8 to measure a student's attainment of the Pennsylvania Academic Standards in English-Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science.

WHY?



The PSSA serves as a snapshot of a student's performance *and is not a sole indicator of student achievement.* It is an aid in planning school programs and designing curriculum and instruction. The PSSA also serves as a tool to evaluate growth and performance against state and national standards.

WHEN?



- April 20-22: ELA PSSA Window
- April 27-28: Math PSSA Window
- April 29-30: Science PSSA Window (only grades 5 and 8)

HOW?



Parents may help their children prepare for the assessments by encouraging them to get *plenty of rest* the night before testing and *have a good breakfast* on the mornings of the test. Remember, students can enjoy free breakfast at school.

WHERE?



More information can be found at kcsd.org/testing or at the Department of Education of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania website. Look for information from your principal coming soon.

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