

Steelton-Highspire Elementary School
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Dear Steelton-Highspire Elementary School Parents,

We would like to make you aware of the upcoming PSSA testing dates for students in 3rd- 6th grade. Please pay careful attention to the schedule listed below. All students in kindergarten through 2nd grade will attend school as normal, their schedules will not be changing due to testing.

April 20th, 2026 (Monday) *Kindergarten-2 nd grade will follow a regular schedule *3 rd - 6 th grade students will complete Section 1 of English Language Arts
April 21st, 2026 (Tuesday) *Kindergarten-2 nd grade will follow a regular schedule *3 rd - 6 th grade students will complete Section 2 of English Language Arts
April 22nd, 2026 (Wednesday) *Kindergarten-2 nd grade will follow a regular schedule *3 rd - 6 th grade students will complete Section 3 of English Language Arts
April 23rd, 2026 (Thursday) *Kindergarten-2 nd grade will follow a regular schedule *3 rd - 6 th grade students will complete Section 1 of Mathematics
April 24th, 2026 (Friday) *Kindergarten-2 nd grade will follow a regular schedule *3 rd - 6 th grade students will complete Section 2 of Mathematics
April 27th, 2026 (Monday) *Everyone (except 5 th graders) will follow a regular schedule *5 th grade students will complete Section 1 of Science
April 28th, 2026 (Tuesday) *Everyone (except 5 th graders) will follow a regular schedule *5 th grade students will complete Section 2 of Science

Please review the documents posted on the school website, www.shsd.k12.pa.us, regarding Frequently Asked Questions about the PSSA test. By reviewing these documents with your child you can help make the testing experience a positive and successful event. Parental support is essential to the success of the Steelton-Highspire School District.

It is very important that your child comes to school on time and ready to do their very best. The following are ways to help your children be successful throughout this entire testing period.

- 1. Make sure they get a good night's rest (minimum of 8 hours)**
- 2. Ensure they are at school on time for breakfast (NO LATER THAN 8:30 AM)**
- 3. Talk about the test with your child and encourage them to always do their best**

In accordance with the State Board of Education's Chapter IV Regulations, the only reason a parent may request that their child be excused from the testing is if the content of the test conflicts with their religious beliefs. If you feel your religious beliefs might conflict with the content of the test, please make an appointment to view the test materials with an administrator before requesting an exemption. Parents who have reviewed the materials and are requesting an exemption for their child must make a written request to Mr. Willie Slade, Superintendent of Schools.

We appreciate your support!
-Elementary Administration