

Oxford Area School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Fifth and Sixth Grade Students,

The state of Pennsylvania is assessing students in all public schools utilizing the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). This assessment measures student understanding in the areas of English Language Arts including Writing, Math and Science based on the Pennsylvania Core Standards. These assessments will be given to students in Grades 3-8 beginning Wednesday, April 23. Our fifth grade classes will be assessed in Science.

The PSSA English Language Arts, Math testing and Science will begin promptly at **8:40 AM** each day and conclude at approximately **11:00 AM**.

ELA – 5th and 6th grade –Wednesday, April 23, Thursday, April 24, & Friday, April 25, 2025

Math – 5th and 6th grade – Tuesday, April 29 & Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Science–5th grade– Thursday-Friday – May 1-May 2, 2025 (online)

Participation rate is a determining factor for the school's accountability. The PSSA's provide information to teachers and families on the child's areas of strength and areas of need which is why we encourage students to participate in taking these assessments. Parents/Guardians have the right to opt their child out of the assessment. Parents and Guardians are required to review the assessments before opting out. Please contact the Hopewell main office to make an appointment to review the assessments with the administration. Confidentiality agreements must be signed prior to the review.

Attached to this letter for your review is PSSA Information for Parents or Guardians – Frequently Asked Questions and the Pennsylvania Department of Education- PSSA Electronic Device policy.

As always, we thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nicole Addis
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