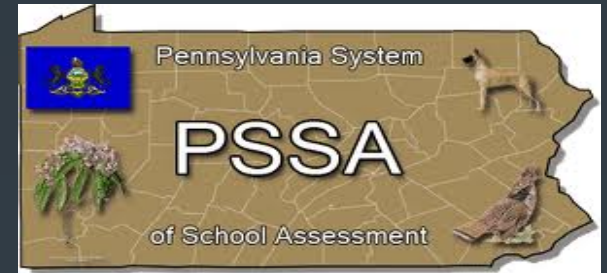


2015 PSSA and PVAAS Summary



Elementary and Middle School Level

The annual Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) is a standards-based, criterion-referenced assessment used to measure a student's attainment of the academic standards while also determining the degree to which school programs enable students to attain proficiency of the standards.



- grades 3 through 8 are assessed in English Language Arts and math
- grades 4 and 8 are assessed in science



2015 PSSA Information

- Significant changes were made to the 2015 PSSA Assessment
- New assessments in English Language Arts and math are based on PA Core Standards (the adoption of these standards has resulted in a more rigorous assessment)
- Reading and writing were combined into a single assessment= PSSA English Language Arts
- Cut scores (the scores needed to reach each performance level: Below-Basic, Basic, Proficient and Advanced) were adjusted, which established higher scores to achieve proficient or advanced.



A message from Secretary of Education, Pedro Rivera...

The 2014 and 2015 PSSA's were a very different test. So different that Secretary of Education, Pedro Rivera, stated "that it is not useful or appropriate to compare the two test results."



New PSSAs and School Performance Profile

- In September, Governor Wolf announced that Pennsylvania had received a one year waiver in reporting SPP scores for schools that administer the PSSA due to changes that took effect in the 2014-15 school year.
- The release of SPP for high schools has been indefinitely delayed by PDE because of calculation concerns.



How have we prepared for the new assessments?

- In September of 2013 we began the process of updating and aligning our curriculum maps to the new standards.
- During the 2013-14 school year, students in grades 3-8 began utilizing Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDTs)
- Data meetings have taken place with the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, principals and teachers.
- Professional Development has been provided on the PA Standards, Close Reading, Standards Based Lesson Design, test structure, formative assessment and feedback.

2015 ELA PSSA

District and State Performance by Grade Level

Percentages at Each Performance Level	Grade	Percent of Proficient/Advanced
Neshaminy	3	72.1
State		62.0
Neshaminy	4	73.9
State		58.6
Neshaminy	5	76.7
State		61.8
Neshaminy	6	71.7
State		60.7
Neshaminy	7	71.7
State		58.7
Neshaminy	8	63.9
State		58

2015 Math PSSA

District and State Performance by Grade Level

Percentages at Each Performance Level	Grade	Percent of Proficient/Advanced
Neshaminy	3	58.7
State		48.5
Neshaminy	4	65.2
State		44.5
Neshaminy	5	49.6
State		42.8
Neshaminy	6	46.7
State		39.7
Neshaminy	7	42.6
State		33.1
Neshaminy	8	38.3
State		29.8

2015 Science PSSA

District and State Performance by Grade Level

Percentages at Each Performance Level	% Prof/Advanced 2014-2015	% Prof/Advanced 2013-2014
District	90.7	91
State	77.3	79

8 th Grade Science		
Percentages at Each Performance Level	% Prof/Advanced 2014-15	% Prof/Advanced 2013-14
District	66.3	68
State	58.8	60



Keystone Scores

- Individual Keystone scores for the Spring 2015 Administration were released over the summer. Students in grades 7-11 participated in the assessment.
- For reporting purposes, PDE releases Keystone results only for 11th grade students. That report is included in SPP and has been delayed indefinitely.



Thank you