



April 8, 2021

Dear Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Parents/Guardians:

The 2021 Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA) for students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 will occur in May. Information obtained from the assessment is often valuable for refining curriculum, designing professional development and informing the community about student achievement.

Below you will find the Central Elementary PSSA Testing Schedule. Testing will begin approximately at 8:30 a.m. each day. Tests are considered untimed but will take approximately 40-80 minutes depending on the grade and test. Please avoid scheduling any doctor appointments, vacations, etc. during these testing dates. If it is absolutely necessary to schedule an appointment, please make them for the afternoon.

Grades 3, 4 and 5: English Language Arts (ELA) Testing Schedule

May 10 Monday	May 11 Tuesday	May 12 Wednesday
ELA	ELA	ELA

Grade 3, 4, and 5: Math Testing Schedule

May 17 Monday	May 18 Tuesday
Math	Math

Grade 4: Science Testing Schedule

May 20 Thursday	May 21 Friday
Science	Science

The assessments will challenge all students with tasks requiring them to inference, problem-solve, and identifying concepts. Students will write their own responses to items as well as choose from multiple-choice responses.

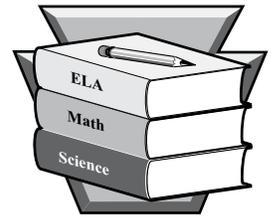
Parents can help their children prepare for the assessment by encouraging them to get plenty of sleep each night and to eat a good breakfast each morning. Also, parents can reassure children that the assessment gives them an opportunity to show what they have learned in order to help teachers plan the best possible instruction for them.

An informational flyer is attached to help you better understand and answer questions regarding the assessments.

Sincerely,

Amy L. Kern, Ed.D.
Principal

Enclosure



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PSSA

Which schools participate?

All school districts and charter schools participate in the assessments. Nonpublic and private schools may also participate on a voluntary basis.

Which students take the assessments?

Except for a very few students who meet specific criteria for participation in an alternate assessment, all students are included in the assessments as outlined below:

ELA & Mathematics—Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8
Science—Grades 4 and 8

Who decided what the assessments should measure?

Groups of educators from all levels of education in Pennsylvania chose the areas of knowledge and skills upon which the assessments are based. The groups included teachers, supervisors, curriculum directors, and college specialists. They also reviewed, edited, and approved the test items.

Who administers the assessments?

Each school chooses the person(s) who will administer the assessments. In most cases, these are teachers in the students' building.

How are the results reported?

Two copies of the individual student report for all assessments will be sent to all schools and districts that participate for distribution to parents, teachers, school counselors, and/or principals. The state will not receive any report with individual names included.

School-level reports will be used for curricular and planning purposes. School districts and charter schools may publish the results of PSSA testing for each school. The state will also release school-by-school assessment data.

May parents see the assessments?

Yes, under one circumstance. School entities are required to have policies to ensure that parents or guardians have the right to review a state assessment in the school entity during convenient hours for parents or guardians from the time testing materials are received to the end of the make-up schedule in order to determine whether a state assessment conflicts with their religious belief. This is the only reason allowable under regulation.

Confidentiality agreements must be signed, and no copies of the assessments or notes about assessment items will be permitted to leave the school. If after reviewing the test, parents or guardians find the test to be in conflict with their religious belief and wish their student(s) to be excused from the test, the right of the parents or guardians will not be denied upon written request to the applicable school district Superintendent, charter school Chief Executive Officer, or AVTS Director. Parents or guardians should contact their child's school to make arrangements to review the test.

Report Testing Irregularities

Parents/guardians who believe that a testing irregularity may have occurred may email ra-edirregularities@pa.gov or call 844-418-1651 to report the incident.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ASSESSMENT (grades 3 through 8)

How long does the assessment take?

The entire English Language Arts assessment takes approximately three to four hours to complete. Your school district will inform you about the assessment schedule.

What does the assessment include?

Each student completes three sections of questions for the English Language Arts assessment. Some portions will be the same for all students, and some will consist of different groups of questions.

What types of questions are on the assessment?

Students respond to multiple-choice, evidence-based selected-response, and constructed-response questions. In a multiple-choice question, the correct answer(s) is chosen from four options. Evidence-based selected-response questions have two parts, and students select one or more answers for each part. Constructed-response questions may include a short-answer (grade 3) or text dependent analysis (grades 4 through 8). Short-answer questions require students to compose a brief response to support their answer. For the text dependent analysis question, students analyze a text and use evidence from the reading passage to compose an essay.

How are written responses to constructed-response items scored?

The written responses for English Language Arts are scored by evaluators trained in applying an ELA-specific scoring guideline. For short-answer questions, scores are based on content only. Spelling and punctuation are not included as part of the scoring process. Responses to text dependent analysis questions are scored based on both content and writing skills.

What is assessed in English Language Arts?

The English Language Arts assessment addresses six major reporting categories as well as two text types. Students respond to standalone multiple-choice items assessing language. Additionally, students read a number of passages from literature and informational genres and respond to questions about these passages that indicate both comprehension and reading skills and the students' analysis and interpretation of different types of texts.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT (grades 3 through 8)

How long does the assessment take?

The entire mathematics assessment takes approximately two to three hours to complete. Your school district will inform you about the assessment schedule.

What does the assessment include?

Each student completes two sections of questions for the mathematics assessment. Some portions will be the same for all students, and some will consist of different groups of questions.

What types of questions are on the assessment?

Students respond to two types of questions: multiple-choice and open-ended. In a multiple-choice question, the correct answer is chosen from the four presented options, while open-ended questions require students to compose their responses. Open-ended questions generally require students to provide detail in support of their answers (such as showing or describing the steps performed to complete a calculation).

How are written responses to open-ended items scored?

The written responses for mathematics open-ended items are scored by evaluators trained in applying a mathematics-specific scoring guideline. In mathematics, scores are based on content only. Spelling and punctuation are not included as part of the scoring process.

What is assessed in Mathematics?

The mathematics assessment addresses five major reporting categories across four clusters. The reporting categories assessed and the proportion of questions in each reporting category vary by grade level. As a part of the assessment of Cluster A, Numbers and Operations, students in grades 4 through 8 respond to a set of questions without a calculator. Constructed-response items may require the students to show all of their work (e.g., calculations, graphs, drawings) and/or to explain in writing how they solved the problems.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCIENCE ASSESSMENT (grades 4 and 8)

How long does the assessment take?

The entire science assessment takes approximately one to two hours to complete. Your school district will inform you about the assessment schedule.

What does the assessment include?

Students in grades 4 and 8 complete two sections of questions for the science assessment. Some portions will be the same for all students, and some will consist of different groups of questions.

What types of questions are on the assessment?

Students respond to two types of questions: multiple-choice and open-ended. In a multiple-choice question, the correct answer is chosen from the four presented options, while open-ended questions require students to compose their responses. At grade 8, the science assessment also includes science scenarios.

What is a science scenario?

A science scenario contains text, graphics, charts, and/or tables and uses these elements to describe the results of a class project, an experiment, or other similar research. Students use the information found in a science scenario to answer multiple-choice questions.

How are written responses to open-ended items scored?

The written responses for science open-ended items are scored by evaluators trained in applying a science-specific scoring guideline. In science, scores are based on content only. Spelling and punctuation are not included as part of the scoring process.

What is assessed in science?

The science assessment addresses the four major reporting categories: The Nature of Science, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Earth and Space Sciences. The proportion of items in each reporting category varies by grade level.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In an era of cell phones, smartphones and other electronic devices which can easily photograph and instantly share photographs, confidential and secure test materials can be easily compromised. Not only is it expensive to replace a compromised test item, the material contained in the PSSA and Keystone Exams is copyrighted property of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Copying or duplicating the material from the assessment, including the taking of a photograph of secure assessment material, is a violation of the federal Copyright Act. Penalties for violations of the Copyright Act may include the cost of replacing the compromised test item(s) or fines of no less than \$750 up to \$30,000 for a single violation (17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.).

In order to ensure reliable test results and to avoid the cost of replacing test items, the Department of Education requires schools to set rules and take certain steps to protect test materials. Electronic devices such as but not limited to cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, E-readers, Nooks, Kindles, iPods, tablets, camera-ready devices, and any other electronic device which can be used to photograph or duplicate test materials, access the internet and/or communicate with others during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams are not permitted in any testing site. Please speak with your child and let him or her know that the possession and/or use of a cell phone or other electronic device during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams will result in consequences.

You will be contacted by the school if your child is discovered using and/or having a cell phone or other unapproved electronic device in his or her possession during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams. Students who ignore this directive will be subject to the school's discipline policy and the Department of Education's requirement that the student's test will not be scored and the student will be required to retake the entire exam. The electronic device will be held by school staff, and the device's stored photographs and other functions will be examined with your permission. You may request to be present when the electronic device is examined. If a photograph of the PSSA or Keystone Exam is discovered or if permission to search other functions of the electronic device is refused, the device will be held by the school staff. The Pennsylvania Department of Education holds the copyright to all material contained within the PSSA and Keystone Exams, the Pennsylvania Department of Education will be contacted and further action may be taken.

If, after testing is complete and test materials have been returned, it is discovered that a student used and/or had a cell phone or other unapproved electronic device in his or her possession during the administration of the test, the school's discipline policy will be followed and the student's test will not be scored.



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Camp Your Way - In Person or At Home

Grades: 1st - 6th

Location: Wyland Elementary School
2284 Wyland Avenue, Allison Park, PA 15101

At Home Date: June 21 - June 25, 2021

In Person Date: June 28 - July 2, 2021

Time: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Please direct any questions to:
Dr. Tocci- (412) 492-6346 | tocci@ht-sd.org

Registration materials will be on the District's website starting Monday, March 15. Information will be available under the Community Tab.

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Order T-Shirts Online:

<https://waterfrontembroidery.com/collections/hampton-field-day>

Order Deadline: April 21st

(No deadline extension, refunds or exchanges)

Please note: Field Day T-Shirt purchase is optional.

Kindergarten—2nd Grade

Order this option



3rd Grade—5th Grade



Students in 3rd-5th grade will be divided into two teams: blue team or gold team. Please ask your child(ren) which team Mr. Endres has assigned them to. Each child may be assigned differently.

PORT AND COMPANY SIZE CHART

	XS	S	M	L	XL
Size	4	6/8	10/12	14/16	18/20
Chest	25-26	26-28	28-30	30-32	32-35

Adult small is available in blue or gold shirt as well

*Field Day is scheduled for May 19th and 20th. Shirts will be delivered through school prior to the event. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Mishko: nmishko@yahoo.com.

Central's 2021 Virtual Talent Show

“Bye Bye Bye”

Saturday, May 1st



Calling ALL Central students! Show us your talent!

(singing, dancing, gymnastics, magic, puppet shows, roller skating, skateboarding, karate...ALL talents wanted)

5th Graders needed for the Fifth Grade Finale

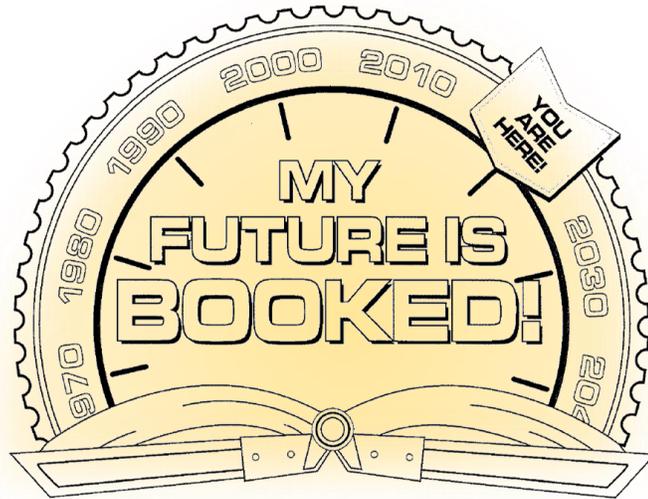
- 5th graders who want to join to be part of the finale, please submit a 5 second or less video of yourself performing a trick, dance move or a picture somehow saying “BYE” to be made into a Finale Slideshow. (This should be emailed to nzeise11@gmail.com by April 25th)

Submit a short intro video and your talent to

<https://flipgrid.com/centraltalent2021>

by Sunday, April 25th

Questions? Contact Nicole Zeise at nzeise11@gmail.com



Shop our Book Fair online & earn rewards for our school!

Dear Parents and Families:

We are working hard to keep kids reading and raise critical funds for our school with our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair on **April 12-25!**

The Fair will connect your kids to notable books and inspiring characters—helping them become lifelong readers. And you'll love the option to experience the magic of a Book Fair through this season's new Virtual Fair experience!

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Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with virtual shopping:

<https://tinyurl.com/CentralBooks>

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Central PTO & Mrs. Casey, Librarian
Central Elementary School

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The Hampton Band Association invites you to join us for our 1st Annual

Hampton Bands Spring Extravaganza



Saturday, May 8, 2021

10am–3pm

Hampton High School

**2929 McCully Road
Allison Park, PA 15101**

Stop by our 100%-outdoor Extravaganza to enjoy music and shopping the day before Mother's Day at an event that benefits all Elementary, Middle School, and High School Bands within the Hampton Township School District.

SHOPPING

Find something for everyone, especially Mom, with over 70 vendors offering a large variety of items!

(Note: Some vendors are *cash only*.)

BAND PERFORMANCES

Be entertained with performances by HTSD Band and Color Guard students.

RAFFLES

Take a chance on our Basket Raffle or 50/50 Raffle. Prizes have been donated by local businesses, vendors at the show, and our Band families.

BAKE SALE & PLANT SALE

Pick up some sweet homemade treats or fresh greenery for Mom.

FOOD TRUCKS & VENDORS

Grab a bite from Amish Donuts, Kona Ice, or one of the food trucks.

DUNK TANK

See if you can dunk your favorite Band Director!

KIDS' ACTIVITIES

Entertain the little ones with a Family Scavenger Hunt.

All participants and attendees must comply with the current recommended District High School Guidelines, including social distancing and face masks.

We extend a special thanks to all of our vendors and volunteers who make this possible.

Visit www.hamptonbands.org for full event details.



HAMPTON KENNYWOOD PICNIC

THURSDAY JUNE 24, 2021

\$29.00

FunDay Tickets

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Tickets subject to taxes and processing fees. Park operating schedule subject to change. Offer expires September 19, 2021.

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Innovation Academy

A Virtual Junior Achievement Workshop

Presented by:



Innovation Academy is a virtual workshop for learners ages 10-14.

Over five weeks, students will work together to develop a concept for a sustainable business based on what they have learned in that session. Participants will work in small groups each week, with the help of guest entrepreneurs, to build their environmentally sustainable and profitable company.

In the final week, a panel of sharks will pick a winner based on their analysis of the ideas and pitches.

Cost	Schedule	Activities
\$25 per student	Week One June 15th	What Is An Entrepreneur?
Time Options	Week Two June 22nd	Market & Need
9:00-10:30 AM	Week Three June 29th	Innovation Ideas
OR	Week Four July 6th	Prototype Design
1:00-2:30 PM	Week Five July 13th	"Shark Tank"

To sign up for the Innovation Academy, click [here](#) or contact Maura Teti, Director of Education, at mteti@jawesternpa.org for more information.

Visit us at www.jawesternpa.org



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Kindergarten – 5th Grade

HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGISTRATION STARTS 4.5.21



LOCATION:
Central Elementary School
 4100 Middle Road, Allison Park, PA 15101



TIMES OFFERED:
Before School Care
 7:00 AM – 8:45 AM
After School Care
 School End – 6:00 PM
Kindergarten Wrap
 8:45 AM – 12:50 PM



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 Scan and go to reserve your spot



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When school's out, you can trust the Y to provide an engaging experience for your child after school. Before & After School Care gives your child the opportunity to get to know some of their classmates better as they engage in active play and collaborate on fun projects. In the process, they'll continue to develop the physical, educational, emotional and social skills that are essential for success.

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Children will stay in small group sizes and in ratio with childcare staff.



Staff and children will wash and/or sanitize their hands throughout the day



The YMCA is in partnership with the schools' maintenance team to keep all high touch areas and equipment clean.



YMCA Staff and children are required to wear masks if social distancing cannot be maintained.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION All rates shown are weekly.

Program Offerings	1-3 Days Weekly		4-5 Days Weekly	
	Facility Member	Community Member	Facility Member	Community Member
Before School Care	\$29	\$32	\$36	\$38
After School Care	\$62	\$69	\$79	\$88
K-Wrap	NA	NA	\$97	\$107

Registration Fee - \$30.00 on or before 7/31/21 (\$50 from 8/1/21 and on)
 A minimum number of registrants is required for the program to operate.

YMCA COMMUNITY MEMBER RATES Community Member - \$0/year
YMCA MEMBERSHIP RATES Varies by location
Youth Development Business Office
 7140 Bennett St. Pittsburgh, PA 15208 | 412 573 4166

HAMPTON YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION BASKETBALL CLINICS

WHEN:

April 19th - June 11th. All sessions will be 1.5 hrs long between the times listed below.

2nd/3rd Boys (2020-21)

Friday between 5 PM and 8 PM

4th/5th/6th Boys (2020-21)

Tuesday between 5 PM and 8 PM

2nd thru 6th Girls (2020-21)

Monday between 5 PM and 8 PM

Girls will divided into proper grade levels

Wednesday and Thursday:

Rain days when needed. Coaches may also add additional clinics at these times if no rain is in the forecast.

WHERE:

Poff School Out Door Courts

2990 Haberlein Rd, Gibsonia, PA 15044

QUESTIONS:

HAMPTONAREAHOOPS@GMAIL.COM

AGES:

**CURRENT GRADE
2ND - 6TH
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COST:

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Hampton Inline Hockey 2021-2022 Season Player Evaluations/ Commitment Night All Experience Levels Welcome!

WHEN: Sunday, April 18, 2021 (2nd Date TBD)

WHERE: RMU Sport Island Complex - Neville Island

TIMES: GRADES 2-6 (Elem) & 7-8 (MS)
6:15 pm - 7:00 pm

GRADES 9-12 (*High School)
7:00 to 7:45pm

(*HS **MUST** be a registered student of HTSD or
approved Cyber school)

Please arrive at least 1/2 hour early to allow time to register and to get dressed.
Required paperwork can be found on website. Please have it completed prior to registration.

NEW Players: FIRST YEAR FEE of \$350 for players, goalies \$200.

Commitment Fee: \$200 per player (non-refundable) to be applied to the **ESTIMATED** returning player season fee of \$575 (returning goalies are \$300). A discount is offered to families with multiple players. For all returning players - two skaters will total \$1,000. One skater plus one goalie will total \$800. Payment schedule and additional information will be available at registration.

Uniforms: Two Jerseys (White and Dark) and pants are required for the season. Orders will be taken on Evaluation Night and samples will be available for sizing.

Jerseys are \$36 each
Black pants (Elem & MS) are \$55
Logo Pants (HS) are \$30

Separate checks payable to Hampton Inline Hockey are appreciated for uniform orders.

Questions? Visit our website WWW.HAMPTONINLINE.WEEBLY.COM
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