Testing Requirements

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Federal law requires that Pennsylvania adopt challenging academic standards and tests that are aligned to those standards. Pennsylvania tests students in certain grades annually in mathematics, language arts, and science. The state is also required to administer the English language proficiency (ELP) test, ACCESS for ELLs, for students who are English learners. The state administers alternate tests for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. Results from all tests are used to help improve academic and language programs for students.

The district is required to provide and/or explain its testing policies upon request. You can learn more about state testing policies at the Pennsylvania Department of Education Assessment and Accountability webpage.

You may choose to exclude your child from certain tests. If you are interested in this option, you must complete a test refusal form, which can be provided to you by the school. Test refusal forms are not available for the annual ELP assessment.

If you have any questions about state or district testing, please contact:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____Email:_____

This is a list of state and district tests:

State tests:

Test	**Grades**
Pennsylvania System of School Accountability (PSSA) for Mathematics	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Pennsylvania System of School Accountability (PSSA) for Language Arts	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Pennsylvania System of School Accountability (PSSA) for Science	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Keystone subject area exams	**End of course in high school based on grade**

District Tests:

Test	**Grades**