

East Penn School District

Administrative Offices
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the second semester of the school year, the East Penn School District will be administering the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) to our students. Please reference the chart below which identifies the testing week dates, specific test and assigned grade levels. Please help your child to be prepared for his or her best performance on these assessments by encouraging a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast the day of the exam.

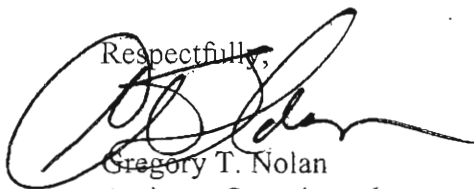
Date	Test	Grade Level
February 9-12, 2009	Writing	5, 8, and 11
March 16-20, 2009	Reading and Mathematics	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11
April 27-May 1, 2009	Science	4, 8, and 11

Our schools will be evaluated on the achievement of our students using the PSSA, participation rate, and on daily attendance. It is because of these evaluations that **“requests for vacation/trips”** during the standardized testing period will not be approved by the school administration.

You will receive a letter from my office approximately three weeks prior to the test which will provide you with additional information regarding the PSSA.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (610) 966-8321 or speak to your child's building principal.

Respectfully,



Gregory T. Nolan
Assistant Superintendent