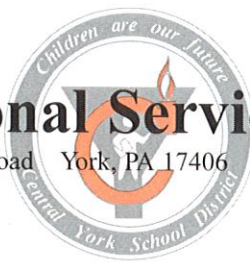


# Educational Service Center

775 Marion Road York, PA 17406 (717) 846-6789



April 2, 2018

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s):

The Central York School District will administer the 2017-2018 Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA/Keystone) in the coming months as outlined below. The information obtained from these assessments serves as a tool for planning future school programs, developing curriculum and in-service training of teachers, and informing the public about student achievement.

**Assessment Windows**

April 9 - April 13, 2018

April 16 - April 20, 2018

April 23 - April 27, 2018

May 14 - May 25, 2018

**Subject Areas and Grades**

PSSA English Language Arts Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

PSSA Math Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

PSSA Science Grades 4 and 8

Keystone Algebra I Grade 8

Specific test dates within the assessment windows will be forthcoming from your building.

As per the Pennsylvania Department of Education, use of a cell phone or any other electronic device during the PSSA is strictly prohibited. Students may leave cell phones or electronic devices in lockers or elect to place them in individual envelopes at the time of testing. The Policy is provided on the back of this memo.

In accordance with the State Board of Education regulations, parents/guardians have the right to examine the assessments prior to the scheduled date of testing. Should parents/guardians find the test to be in conflict with their religious beliefs and wish their child to be excused from PSSA/Keystone assessments, please contact the following offices to schedule a test review appointment, and if deemed appropriate, submit written documentation of your religious objection to the attention of Superintendent of Schools:

**Grades 3-6 - Office of the Assistant Principal**

**Grades 7-8 - Office of the Assistant Superintendent (717-846-6789 x1210)**

We urge you to make every effort to ensure that your child is present to participate in the PSSA or Keystone assessment.

If the assessment is to be meaningful to the District, it must be an accurate reflection of the achievement of our students. Parents may help their children prepare for the assessment by encouraging them to get plenty of sleep the night before and encouraging children to eat a good breakfast on the morning of the assessment.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Grove

Assistant Superintendent