



NORTHGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BRYAN J. KYLE
PRINCIPAL

March 16, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Enclosed in this mailing are specific details regarding the 2017 PSSA English Language Arts, Math and Science Exams. We will be administering these assessments to our 7th grade (ELA & Math) and 8th grade (ELA, Math & Science) students during the months of April and May.

Please refer to the schedule on the reverse side of this letter outlining the specific arrangements for each day of testing and how they will affect your student(s). Also included in this mailing is a flyer with information on each of these exams.

Parents sometimes ask how they may prepare their child for the assessment. Here are some simple suggestions:

- Let your children know you are aware of the upcoming tests. Encourage them to listen to all directions and do their best.
- Try to maintain a normal family schedule during the week of testing so that children's routines are not interrupted.
- Do not schedule medical appointments during school hours.
- Make sure your child is in school every day. Do not allow your child to be tardy.

Please be advised that students are not permitted to have cell phones, cameras or any other electronic devices in their possession during the administration of the writing assessment. Such items should be stored in the student's locker. In the event a student is in possession of such item(s), the Test Administrator will collect all such devices prior to the beginning of the test and the device(s) will be returned at the conclusion of testing. **Please reference the enclosed letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Education addressing the possession/use of electronic devices.*

Should you have any questions regarding the testing schedule, please contact my office at (412) 732-3300 x 1001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Kyle", written over a white background.

Bryan J. Kyle
Principal

**PSSA TESTING SCHEDULE
APRIL/MAY 2017**

1. 7th and 8th grade students are to report at normal time, 8:00 a.m., for the PSSA ELA Exam on April 4, 5, 6 & 7, 2017, and for the PSSA Math Exam on April 24, 25 & 26, 2017.
2. 8th grade students ONLY will take the PSSA Science Exam and are to report at normal time, 8:00 a.m., on May 2 & 3, 2017.
3. Students will be informed of their testing room prior to the first day of testing and should report directly to that room on each day of testing.
4. WE WILL NOT BE ADJUSTING THE DISMISSAL TIME FOR TESTING STUDENTS.
5. WE WILL NOT BE ADJUSTING THE START TIME FOR NON-TESTING STUDENTS.

4/3	4/4 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. ELA 1 – Admin. - 10 min. Testing – 65 min.	4/5 8:15 – 9:30 ELA 2 – Admin. – 5 min. Testing – 70 min.	4/6 8:15 – 9:55 a.m. ELA 3 – Admin. – 5 min. Testing – 95 min.	4/7 8:15 – 9:40 a.m. ELA 4 – Admin. – 5 min. Testing – 80 min.
	Total – 75 min. <i>Grades 7 & 8</i>	Total – 75 min. <i>Grades 7 & 8</i>	Total – 100 min. <i>Grades 7 & 8</i>	Total – 85 min. <i>Grades 7 & 8</i>
4/24 8:15 – 9:45 a.m. Math 1 – Admin. – 10 min. Testing – 80 min.	4/25 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. Math 2 – Admin. – 5 min. Testing – 70 min.	4/26 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. Math 3 – Admin. – 5 min. Testing – 70 min.	4/27	4/28
Total – 90 min. <i>Grades 7 & 8</i>	Total – 75 min. <i>Grades 7 & 8</i>	Total – 75 min. <i>Grades 7 & 8</i>		
5/1	5/2 8:15 – 9:25 a.m. Science 1 – Admin. – 10 min. Testing – 60 min.	5/3 8:15 – 9:20 a.m. Science 2 – Admin – 5 min. Testing – 60 min.	5/4	5/5
	Total – 70 min. <i>Grade 8 ONLY</i>	Total – 65 min. <i>Grade 8 ONLY</i>		