



Dear FACTS Family,

Public schools must participate in standardized testing every year. Students in Pennsylvania in grades 3-8 take the PSSA. Regular testing is conducted in the mornings.

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| English Language Arts (ELA) | Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 |
| Math | Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 |
| Science | Grades 4, 8 |

If you do not want your child to participate in this test, please contact Principal Pheng for more information.

FACTS believes, PSSA results are only a snapshot of a student's performance and ability. It does not and should not be a measurement of a child's intelligence or capabilities. Learning takes on many forms and is measured in different ways. The PSSA does not measure the other important skills and achievements of students that we value at FACTS; such as how to contribute to a caring community or honoring their own cultures to develop self-identity and confidence.

PSSA data is useful to inform teachers' instructional practices and goals. We examine many things beyond a single test score to truly know our students' achievements.

We ask only that students do their very best. It is also important to note that these results do not affect report card grades in content areas. Additionally, in the School District of Philadelphia the scores in 7th grade is a critical factor in gaining acceptance to special admission high schools.

Standardized tests can be stressful to children; therefore, homework will be reduced during the testing window and the content covered in class will be mostly review. Please also make sure your child gets plenty of rest.

Parents may view the contents in the tests. If you are interested, please schedule an appointment by calling the front office at 215-569-2600 ext. 1030 or you may send a request in writing.

Thank you,

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