



BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Assistant Superintendent

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) will be given at various times from April 3rd through the makeup testing window ending on May 5th. The assessment window and grades impacted are listed below. These assessments provide information to students, parents, teachers, administrators, school board members, and community members regarding student achievement in the Big Spring School District. This information will be used to evaluate current educational practices in the District and to make changes as needed.

You can help your student prepare for the assessment in several ways.

- Ensure that your student is in attendance each day for the assessment.
- Encourage your student to get sufficient sleep the nights before the tests.
- Encourage your student to eat a good breakfast the morning of the tests.
- Inform your student that each test is an opportunity to demonstrate their proficiency in English / Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science (depending on your student's grade level).
- Reassure your student about this experience.
- Urge your student to listen carefully to test directions.
- Encourage your student to do his or her best.

Please see the schedule below outlining assessment window dates. Specific assessment dates within the assessment windows below may vary by building. For additional information including the Frequently Asked Questions and the assessment procedures as they pertain to cell phones, please visit our district website at www.bigspringsd.org. Thank you for your continued support of our students throughout their educational career.

Sincerely,

Kevin C. Roberts, Jr.
Assistant Superintendent

2017 PSSA ASSESSMENT WINDOWS

ASSESSMENT WINDOW	ASSESSMENT TYPE	GRADE LEVEL(S)
<i>April 3rd through May 5th</i>	English / Language Arts (April 3 rd – 7 th)	<i>3rd through 8th Grades</i>
	Mathematics (April 24 th – 28 th)	<i>3rd through 8th Grades</i>
	Science (May 1 st – 5 th)	<i>4th and 8th Grades</i>