

## 2016-2017 Assessment Calendar

Assessment	Subject	Grades	Dates	Purpose
<b>Study Island Benchmarking</b>  <b>Junior/Senior High School</b>	Literature Keystone  Algebra I Keystone  Reading PSSA  Math PSSA  Science PSSA	Grades 9, 10, 11    Grades 7 & 8	<u>Benchmarks</u>  September 12 – 16, 2016  November 7 – 11, 2016  February 6 – 10, 2017	<p>The Study Island Benchmark tests assess student progress toward meeting Pennsylvania standards and provide valuable information to inform instruction. By exposing students to the content and item types they will experience on state summative assessments, teachers will be able to use their time with their students efficiently and effectively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand baseline competencies in core subject areas.</li> <li>• Capture mastery of grade-level standards over time</li> <li>• Provide teachers with insights on where to focus targeted instruction</li> <li>• Give students a practice tool in a learning environment similar to new computer-based tests (CBTs)</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Curriculum Based Assessments</b></p> <p><b>Wyomissing Hills Elem.</b></p> <p><b>West Reading Elementary</b></p>	<p>4 Major Content Areas: ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies</p> <p>Includes (but not limited to):</p> <p>Go Math</p> <p>Pre/Post Tests</p> <p>Journeys</p> <p>Assessments</p>	<p>Grades K - 6</p>	<p>Determined by grade level teams and administered throughout the school year.</p>	<p>The term curriculum-based assessment (CBA) means measurement that uses "direct observation and recording of a student's performance in the local curriculum as a basis for gathering information to make instructional decisions. Curriculum-Based Measurement (CBM) is a method teachers use to find out how students are progressing in basic academic areas such as math, reading, writing, and spelling.</p>
<p><b>Fountas &amp; Pinnell</b></p> <p><b>Wyomissing Hills Elem.</b></p>	<p>Reading</p>	<p>Grades K-4</p>	<p><u>Benchmarks</u></p> <p><b>Fall:</b> (gr. 1-4) September 12 – Oct. 7, 2016</p> <p><b>Winter:</b> (K) January 30 – Feb.7, 2017</p>	<p>The Fountas &amp; Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) links assessment to instruction along the Continuum of Literacy Learning. This comprehensive system for one-on-one assessment reliably and systematically matches students' instructional and independent reading abilities to the F&amp;P Text Level Gradient™ and determines</p>



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			<p>January 12 – 13, 2017</p> <p>May 30 – 31, 2017</p>	
<p><b>Writing Benchmark</b></p> <p><b>West Reading Elementary</b></p>	<p>Writing Assessment</p>	<p>Grades 5 &amp; 6</p>	<p><u>Benchmarks</u></p> <p>October 27 – 28, 2016</p> <p>January 10 – 11, 2017</p> <p>March 21 – 22, 2017</p>	<p>The writing benchmarks are grade level team created assessments focused on one type of writing per quarter: persuasive, informational, narrative and research.</p>
<p><b>PSSA/PASA</b></p> <p><b>Wyomissing Hills Elem.</b></p> <p><b>West Reading Elementary</b></p> <p><b>Junior/Senior High School</b></p>	<p>Eng.-Language Arts</p> <p>Math</p> <p>Science</p>	<p>Grades 3-8</p> <p>Grades 4 &amp; 8 ONLY</p>	<p><b>PSSA (Grades 3-8)</b></p> <p>PSSA ELA: April 3-7, 2017</p> <p>PSSA Math: April 24-28, 2017</p> <p>PSSA Science: May 1- 5, 2017</p>	<p>PSSA is a “standards-based, criterion-referenced assessment used to measure a student’s attainment of the academic standards.</p> <p>“The Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment (PASA) is a statewide alternate assessment designed for</p>

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		Grades 3-12	<hr/> <b>PASA-TBD</b>	students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.”
<b>Keystone Exams</b>  <b>Junior/Senior High School</b>	Literature  Algebra I  Biology	H.S. students currently enrolled in Keystone courses of Algebra I, Biology, and English 10, any student who has not scored proficient on any past Keystone Exam and have received supplemental instruction.	<b>Winter:</b> December 5 - 16, 2016  <b>Spring:</b> May 15 - 26, 2017	The Keystone exams are end-of-course assessments designed to assess proficiency Literature, Algebra I, and Biology.
<b>Mid-Term Exams</b>  <b>Junior/Senior High School</b>		Grades 7-12	January 12 – 18, 2017	Mid-term exams are summative assessments used to determine the level of understanding of the content

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				taught during the first semester of a given class.
<b>Final Exams</b>  <b>Junior/Senior High School</b>		Grades 7-12	Seniors:  May 24 – 26, 2017  June 5 – 8, 2017	Finals are summative assessments to determine the level of understanding of the content taught during the second semester of a given class.
<b>AP Exams</b>  <b>Junior/Senior High School</b>		H.S. students taking AP courses	May 1 – 12, 2017	The purpose of AP exams is to provide students with the opportunity to earn college credit(s) and measure themselves on a nationwide scale, based on national standards.
				The ACT is a national college

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<p><b>ACT</b></p> <p><b>Junior/Senior High School</b></p>			<p>September 10, 2016</p> <p>October 22, 2016</p> <p>December 10, 2016</p> <p>February 11, 2017</p> <p>April 8, 2017</p> <p>June 10, 2017</p>	<p>admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in English, Mathematics, Reading and Science.</p> <p>The ACT with writing includes the four subject area tests plus a 40-minute writing test.</p> <p>ACT results are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the US.</p>
<p><b>SAT</b></p> <p><b>Junior/Senior High School</b></p>			<p>October 1, 2016</p> <p>November 5, 2016</p> <p>December 3, 2016</p>	<p>The SAT is an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admissions decisions. The SAT provides colleges with one common criterion that can be used to compare all applicants. However, it is just one factor in the admissions decision. Schools also consider high school GPA, academic transcript, letters of recommendation, extracurricular activities, interviews, and personal</p>

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			<p>January 28, 2017</p> <p>March 11, 2017</p> <p>May 6, 2017</p> <p>June 3, 2017</p>	<p>essays. The weight placed on SAT scores varies from school to school.</p> <p>The SAT exam is offered nationally every year in October, November, December, January, March, May and June.</p> <p>There are two SAT sections: Math, Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, plus an optional Essay. The Essay results are reported separately.</p>
<p><b>PSAT</b></p> <p><b>Junior/Senior High School</b></p>		<p>Grades 10 &amp; 11</p>	<p>October 19, 2016</p>	<p>Students in 10th and 11th grade can take the PSAT/NMSQT in the fall. The PSAT 10 will be available to 10th-grade students in the spring.</p> <p>Students sign up for the PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT 10 with their school counselor.</p> <p>The PSAT/NMSQT and the PSAT 10 cover the same content areas. Both tests provide students and educators with the chance to check in on progress toward college and career readiness and success. And both serve as an excellent way for</p>



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				students to preview and practice for the SAT, because they are tightly aligned with the new SAT.
<b>WIDA (ELLs)</b> <b>Wyomissing Hills Elem.</b> <b>West Reading Elementary</b> <b>Junior/Senior High School</b>	English Language Learners	Grades K-12	January 23 – March 3, 2017	WIDA advances academic language development and academic achievement for linguistically diverse students through high quality standards, assessments, research, and professional development for educators.