

Pennsylvania's State Assessment System

Proposed Transition
July 2012

Proposed Transition

- Please note that the proposed transition is contingent upon approval from the United States Department of Education, approval of new state Chapter 4 Regulations, and funding to support all testing activities.

2012-13

- **Grades 3-8 Mathematics and Reading PSSA**
- **Grade 12 PSSA retest in October**
- **Grades 3-8 & 11 Mathematics and Reading PASA**
- **Grades 5 & 8 Writing PSSA**
- **Grades 4 & 8 Science PSSA**
- **Grades 4, 8 & 11 Science PASA**
- **No PSSA-M**
- **Grades 3-5 Stand-alone Writing Field Test**
- **Keystone Exams**
 - **Algebra I, Literature, Biology**

2012-13

- Grades 3-8
Mathematics
and Reading
PSSA

- Based on current
Assessment Anchor
Content Standards
 - Not the PA Common
Core standards
- Grades 3-5 embedded
field test items aligned to
PA Common Core
Standards
- Offered on-line and
paper/pencil

2012-13

- Grades 5 & 8 Writing PSSA
- Based on current Assessment Anchor Content Standards
 - Not the PA Common Core ELA standards
- Offered on-line and paper/pencil

2012-13

- Grades 4 & 8
Science
PSSA
- Based on current
Assessment Anchor
Content Standards
- Offered on-line and
paper/pencil

2012-13

- Grades 3-5
Stand-alone
Writing Field
Test

- Offered paper/pencil only
- Results will be used to implement a writing component into the proposed Grades 3-5 English Language Arts (ELA) assessment.

2012-13

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- Keystone Exams will be used for two purposes:
 - Proposed state requirement that the class of 2017 and beyond demonstrate proficiency for the purpose of graduation
 - Accountability as per No Child Left Behind (NCLB)
 - Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

2012-13 Keystone Exams

- Accountability (Federal requirement)
 - All 11th grade students must take all three Keystone Exams*
 - All non-11th grade students completing a Keystone related course must take the appropriate Keystone Exam
 - Only 11th grade results will be used to calculate AYP
 - Non-11th grade students' results will be banked until they're in 11th grade

2012-13 Keystone Exams

- If an 11th grade student took a Keystone Exam in 2011 as a 9th grade student and scored Advanced or Proficient, the results of that Keystone will be used for purposes of accountability.
- A student who did not score Advanced or Proficient as a 9th grade student in 2011 should retest as an 11th grade student in 2012-13.

2012-13 Keystone Exams

- **Graduation (State requirement)**
 - **The 8th grade class in 2012-13 is the first class that will be required to demonstrate proficiency on the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams to graduate (class of 2017).**

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- Testing Windows
 - ~~Dec. 10~~ 3-14, 2012*
 - Jan. 9- ~~16~~ 23, 2013*
 - May 13-24, 2013
 - July 29-Aug.2, 2013
- PDE plans to apply for new Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO)
 - Currently 89% for math and 91% for reading

2012-13 Assessment Schedule

- PDE Recommendation
 - All students not taking a Keystone related course take the Keystone Exams in the winter window – Waves 1 and 2.

2012-13 Assessment Schedule

- All 11th grade students take all three Keystones from Dec. 3-14 (Wave 1)
- OR
- All 11th grade students take all three Keystones from Jan 9-23 (Wave 2)
- OR

2012-13 Assessment Schedule

- All 11th grade students take the Algebra I and Literature Keystones from Dec. 3-14 and take the Biology Keystone from Jan. 9-23
- OR
- All 11th grade students take the Algebra I Keystone from Dec. 3-14 and take the Literature and Biology Keystones from Jan. 9-23
- OR

2012-13 Assessment Schedule

- Any combination where all 11th grade students not taking a Keystone related course complete all three Keystone Exams during the winter window's two waves.

2012-13 Keystone Schedule

Date	Activity	Explanation
August 15-16, 2012	Technology Coordinator Training	Training for CDTs and Keystones
September 6-7, 2012	Enrollment/Materials Training	Winter Keystones
September 10-14, 2012	Enrollment Window	Numbers only submitted to DRC for Wave, Mode, Subject, & Accommodation
October 2-4, 2012	Test Set-up Training	Winter Keystones
October 8-19, 2012	Test Set-up Window	Districts can enter student information into eDirect
October 10 – 11, 2012	Enrollment/Materials Training	Spring Keystone
October 15-26	Enrollment Window	Numbers only submitted to DRC for Spring Keystone
November 5-8, 2012	Keystone Administration Training	Winter Keystones (PaTTAN)

2012-13 Assessment Schedule

ASSESSMENT	DATES
12 th Grade PSSA Retest	October 22 – November 2, 2012
Winter Wave 1 Keystone Window	December 3-14, 2012*
Winter Wave 2 Keystone Window	January 9-23, 2013*
Grades 3-5 Writing Field Test	February 4-15, 2013
Grades 5 & 8 Writing PSSA	March 11-15, 2013
Grades 5 & 8 Writing PSSA Make-Ups	March 18-22, 2013
Grades 3-8 Math & Reading PSSA	April 8-19, 2013
Grades 4 & 8 Science PSSA	April 22-26, 2013
Math, Reading & Science Make-Ups	April 29-May 3, 2013
Spring Keystone Window	May 13-24, 2013
Summer Keystone Window	July 29-August 2, 2013

2012-13 Assessment

- What's new
 - No 11th grade PSSA
 - **Keystones**
 - No PSSA-M
 - On-line available
 - Grades 3-5 writing field test
- What's the same
 - 12th grade PSSA retest
 - Grades 3-8 Math & Reading PSSA
 - Grades 4 & 8 Science PSSA
 - Grades 5 & 8 Writing PSSA
 - Grades 3-8 & 11 Math & Reading PASA
 - Grades 4, 8 & 11 Science PASA

2013-14

- Grades 3-5 English Language Arts PSSA (PA CC)
- Grades 3-5 Mathematics PSSA (PA CC)
- Grades 6-8 Mathematics and Reading PSSA
- Grades 3-8 & 11 Mathematics & Reading PASA
- Grade 8 Writing PSSA
- Grades 4 & 8 Science PSSA
- Grades 4, 8 & 11 Science PASA
- Grades 6-8 Stand-alone Writing Field Test
- Keystone Exams
 - Algebra I, Literature, Biology
 - Composition Field Test

2013-14

- Grades 3-5
English
Language
Arts PSSA
- Based on Assessment Anchor Content Standards aligned to PA Common Core Standards
 - Includes a writing component
 - An area not previously assessed at grades 3 & 4
- Offered on-line & paper/pencil
- PDE plans to apply for a new AMO

2013-14

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PSSA

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2013-14 Assessment Schedule

Assessment	Date
Winter Wave 1 Keystone	December 2013
Winter Wave 2 Keystone	January 2014
Grades 6-8 Writing Field Test	February 2014
Grades 3-5 English Language Arts	March 17-21, 2014
Grades 6-8 Math/Reading PSSA	March 17-28, 2014
Grades 3-5 Math PSSA	March 24-28, 2014
Grades 3-5 ELA & Math Make-up	March 31-April 4, 2014
Grades 6-8 Math/Reading Make-up	
Grade 8 Writing PSSA	
Grade 8 Writing Make-up	April 7-11, 2014
Easter	April 20, 2014
Grades 4 & 8 Science PSSA	April 28, 2014
Grades 4 & 8 Science make-up	May 2-9, 2014
Keystone Spring Window	May 2014

2014-15

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- Grades 3-8 Mathematics PSSA (PA CC)
- Grades 3-8 & 11 Mathematics & Reading PASA
- Grades 4 & 8 Science PSSA
- Grades 4, 8 & 11 Science PASA
- Keystone Exams
 - Algebra I, Literature, Biology, Composition
 - Civics & Government Field Test

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