

Hello Nebinger families,

I hope that your families are doing well. We are approaching the end of the school year-- and what a school year it has been! As you know, the School District has announced that schools will be administering the PSSA, PASA and ACCESS before the end of this school year to students in grades 3-8. Testing will only take place for those that select the in-person hybrid model. As a parent, you make the final decision whether your child will participate or not. Myself and the Nebinger staff will always encourage all students to take the assessment because the more data we have, the better we can meet the instructional needs of our children. However, in this unprecedented time, I will support whatever decision you make for your family. I trust, you know what's best. With that said, I want to provide you with the most updated information that we have regarding our plan for PSSA testing. The schedule for testing will be as follows:

Nebinger PSSA Testing Days Grades 3-5 SY 20-21

TEST	SECTION	COHORT A (M&T)	COHORT B (Th&Fr)
English Language Arts (Grades 3-5)	1	May 3, 2021	May 6, 2021
English Language Arts (Grades 3-5)	2	May 3, 2021	May 6, 2021
English Language Arts (Grades 3-5)	3	May 4, 2021	May 7, 2021
Mathematics (Grades 3-5)	1	May 10 2021	May 14, 2021
Mathematics (Grades 3-5)	2	May 10 2021	May 14, 2021
Science (Grades 4 & 8 only)	1&2	June 1 2021	June 3, 2021
Makeups (Grades 3-5)	Ongoing- June 4, 2021		

Nebinger PSSA Testing Days Grades 6-8 SY 20-21

TEST	SECTION	COHORT A (M&T)	COHORT B (Th&Fr)
English Language Arts (Grades 6-8)	1	May 17, 2021	May 20, 2021
English Language Arts (Grades 6-8)	2	May 17, 2021	May 20, 2021
English Language Arts (Grades 6-8)	3	May 24, 2021	May 21, 2021

Mathematics (Grades 6-8)	1	May 25, 2021	May 27, 2021
Mathematics (Grades 6-8)	2	May 25, 2021	May 27, 2021
Science (Grades 4 & 8 only)	1&2	June 1, 2021	June 3, 2021
Makeups (Grades 6-8)	Ongoing- June 4, 2021		

- Teachers are allowed to test their own students this year and we can combine classes to test if needed.
- If you choose to opt your child out of testing this year, you can send an email to ncatin@philasd.org and atownsend@philasd.org
- Testing will mainly occur in the mornings so the 'all virtual' students will have asynchronous work in the mornings and then log in to their afternoon classes after lunch on the days we have only one PSSA test.
- During the days that in person students take two PSSA tests, virtual students will have asynchronous work most of the day. Your classroom teacher will provide you with specifics.
- PASA testing will only be administered to inperson students and will not be administered in the fall. If your child is taking the PASA and not the PSSA, the classroom teacher will notify you with additional information and a testing schedule.
- During a PSSA meeting for school admin, it was communicated that if we administer the PSSA now (in the Spring) that we will not be required to administer it again in the Fall to the students who were not hybrid this year. I am hopeful that this is accurate information.
- The last administration of the Aimsweb and STAR assessments is still also required before the end of the year. Students in grades K-5 will participate in the Aimsweb testing and students in grades 6-8 in the STAR assessments. Our ESOL students are currently participating in ACCESS Testing.

Please reach out with questions to Principal St. Louis at ncatin@philasd.org with questions.
Thank you!

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