



North Allegheny School District

Student Services

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Dear Parent/Guardian of Homeschooled Student(s):

The Pennsylvania School Code, 24 P.S. §13-1327.1(e)(1) states that the portfolio for home education students in grades 3, 5, and 8 must include the results of the statewide tests for English language arts and mathematics or nationally normed standardized achievement tests. To fulfill this requirement, the North Allegheny School District is pleased to offer your child the opportunity to take the District and/or the State administered assessments. This testing can be administered through the District or privately. If choosing to participate through the District, the assessments must be completed within the range of dates listed below. Please note, these dates may be changed due to COVID-19 restrictions:

- **Keystone Exams Winter Testing Window – Algebra I, Biology, and Literature**
 - **December 1 through March 31, 2021**
- **Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) administered to grades 2 through 7 (standardized ability test)**
 - **January 11 through January 15, 2021**
- **PSSA English Language Arts administered to grades 3 through 8**
 - **April 19 through April 23, 2021**
- **PSSA Math Assessments administered to grades 3 through 8**
 - **April 26 through May 7, 2021**
- **PSSA Science Test administered to grades 4 and 8**
 - **April 26 through May 7, 2021**
- **Keystone Exams Spring Testing Window – Algebra I, Biology, and Literature**
 - **May 17 through May 28, 2021**

Please contact the school counselor of your student's home building to schedule testing dates or for more information. As a reminder, the portfolios of homeschooled students in grades 3, 5, and 8 must contain results of achievement testing and this information must be addressed and reported to the District in the Evaluator's Statement.

Sincerely,

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Director of Student Services