

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In an era of cell phones, smartphones and other electronic devices which can easily photograph and instantly share photographs, confidential and secure test materials can be easily compromised. Not only is it expensive to replace a compromised test item, the material contained in the PSSA and Keystone Exams is copyrighted property of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Copying or duplicating the material from the assessment, including the taking of a photograph of secure assessment material, is a violation of the federal Copyright Act. Penalties for violations of the Copyright Act may include the cost of replacing the compromised test item(s) or fines of no less than \$750 up to \$30,000 for a single violation (17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.).

In order to ensure reliable test results and to avoid the cost of replacing test items, the Department of Education requires schools to set rules and take certain steps to protect test materials. Electronic devices such as but not limited to cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, E-readers, Nooks, Kindles, iPods, tablets, camera-ready devices, and any other electronic device which can be used to photograph or duplicate test materials, access the internet and/or communicate with others during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams are not permitted in any testing site. Please speak with your child and let him or her know that the possession and/or use of a cell phone or other electronic device during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams will result in consequences.

You will be contacted by the school if your child is discovered using and/or having a cell phone or other unapproved electronic device in his or her possession during the administration of the PSSA or Keystone Exams. Students who ignore this directive will be subject to the school's discipline policy and the Department of Education's requirement that the student's test will not be scored and the student will be required to retake the entire exam. The electronic device will be held by school staff, and the device's stored photographs and other functions will be examined with your permission. You may request to be present when the electronic device is examined. If a photograph of the PSSA or Keystone Exam is discovered or if permission to search other functions of the electronic device is refused, the device will be held by the school staff. The Pennsylvania Department of Education holds the copyright to all material contained within the PSSA and Keystone Exams, the Pennsylvania Department of Education will be contacted and further action may be taken.

If, after testing is complete and test materials have been returned, it is discovered that a student used and/or had a cell phone or other unapproved electronic device in his or her possession during the administration of the test, the school's discipline policy will be followed and the student's test will not be scored.



# Frequently Asked Questions

# Information for Parents or Guardians

# Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)

English Language Arts Assessment, April 25–29, 2022 Mathematics and Science Assessment, May 2–13, 2022



# GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PSSA Which schools participate?

All school districts and charter schools participate in the assessments. Nonpublic and private schools may also participate on a voluntary basis.

### Which students take the assessments?

Except for a very few students who meet specific criteria for participation in an alternate assessment, all students are included in the assessments as outlined below:

ELA & Mathematics—Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 Science—Grades 4 and 8

# Who decided what the assessments should measure?

Groups of educators from all levels of education in Pennsylvania chose the areas of knowledge and skills upon which the assessments are based. The groups included teachers, supervisors, curriculum directors, and college specialists. They also reviewed, edited, and approved the test items.

# Who administers the assessments?

Each school chooses the person(s) who will administer the assessments. In most cases, these are teachers in the students' building.

# How are the results reported?

Two copies of the individual student report for all assessments will be sent to all schools and districts that participate for distribution to parents, teachers, school counselors, and/or principals. The state will not receive any report with individual names included.

School-level reports will be used for curricular and planning purposes. School districts and charter schools may publish the results of PSSA testing for each school. The state will also release school-by-school assessment data.

### May parents see the assessments?

Yes, under one circumstance. School entities are required to have policies to ensure that parents or guardians have the right to review a state assessment in the school entity during convenient hours for parents or guardians from the time testing materials are received to the end of the make-up schedule in order to determine whether a state assessment conflicts with their religious belief. This is the only reason allowable under regulation. Confidentiality agreements must be signed, and no copies of the assessments or notes about assessment items will be permitted to leave the school. If after reviewing the test, parents or guardians find the test to be in conflict with their religious belief and wish their student(s) to be excused from the test, the right of the parents or guardians will not be denied upon written request to the applicable school district Superintendent, charter school Chief Executive Officer, or AVTS Director. Parents or guardians should contact their child's school to make arrangements to review the test.

# **Report Testing Irregularities**

Parents/guardians who believe that a testing irregularity may have occurred may email ra-edirregularities@pa.gov or call 844-418-1651 to report the incident.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ASSESSMENT (grades 3 through 8)

### How long does the assessment take?

The entire English Language Arts assessment takes approximately three to four hours to complete. Your school district will inform you about the assessment schedule.

### What does the assessment include?

Each student completes three sections of questions for the English Language Arts assessment. Some portions will be the same for all students, and some will consist of different groups of questions.

### What types of questions are on the assessment?

Students respond to multiple-choice, evidence-based selected-response, and constructed-response questions. In a multiple-choice question, the correct answer(s) is chosen from four options. Evidence-based selected- response questions have two parts, and students select one or more answers for each part. Constructed-response questions may include a short-answer (grade 3) or text dependent analysis (grades 4 through 8). Short-answer questions require students to compose a brief response to support their answer. For the text dependent analysis question, students analyze a text and use evidence from the reading passage to compose an essay.

Pennsylvania Department of Education Handbook for Assessment Coordinators 2022 DRC Customer Service 1-800-451-7849 pacustomerservice@datarecognitioncorp.com pa.drcedirect.com

#### How are written responses to constructedresponse items scored?

The written responses for English Language Arts are scored by evaluators trained in applying an ELA'-specific scoring guideline. For short-answer questions, scores are based on content only. Spelling and punctuation are not included as part of the scoring process. Responses to text dependent analysis questions are scored based on both content and writing skills.

### What is assessed in English Language Arts?

The English Language Arts assessment addresses six major reporting categories as well as two text types. Students respond to standalone multiple-choice items assessing language. Additionally, students read a number of passages from literature and informational genres and respond to questions about these passages that indicate both comprehension and reading skills and the students' analysis and interpretation of different types of texts.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT (grades 3 through 8)

### How long does the assessment take?

The entire mathematics assessment takes approximately two to three hours to complete. Your school district will inform you about the assessment schedule.

#### What does the assessment include?

Each student completes two sections of questions for the mathematics assessment. Some portions will be the same for all students, and some will consist of different groups of questions.

### What types of questions are on the assessment?

Students respond to two types of questions: multiplechoice and open-ended. In a multiple-choice question, the correct answer is chosen from the four presented options, while open-ended questions require students to compose their responses. Open-ended questions generally require students to provide detail in support of their answers (such as showing or describing the steps performed to complete a calculation).

# How are written responses to open-ended items scored?

The written responses for mathematics open- ended items are scored by evaluators trained in applying a mathematics-specific scoring guideline. In mathematics, scores are based on content only. Spelling and punctuation are not included as part of the scoring process.

# What is assessed in Mathematics?

The mathematics assessment addresses five major reporting categories across four clusters. The reporting categories assessed and the proportion of questions in each reporting category vary by grade level. As a part of the assessment of Cluster A, Numbers and Operations, students in grades 4 through 8 respond to a set of questions without a calculator. Constructedresponse items may require the students to show all of their work (e.g., calculations, graphs, drawings) and/or to explain in writing how they solved the problems.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCIENCE ASSESSMENT (grades 4 and 8)

#### How long does the assessment take?

The entire science assessment takes approximately one to two hours to complete. Your school district will inform you about the assessment schedule.

#### What does the assessment include?

Students in grades 4 and 8 complete two sections of questions for the science assessment. Some portions will be the same for all students, and some will consist of different groups of questions.

### What types of questions are on the assessment?

Students respond to two types of questions: multiplechoice and open-ended. In a multiple-choice question, the correct answer is chosen from the four presented options, while open-ended questions require students to compose their responses. At grade 8, the science assessment also includes science scenarios.

#### What is a science scenario?

A science scenario contains text, graphics, charts, and/ or tables and uses these elements to describe the results of a class project, an experiment, or other similar research. Students use the information found in a science scenario to answer multiple-choice questions.

# How are written responses to open-ended items scored?

The written responses for science open-ended items are scored by evaluators trained in applying a sciencespecific scoring guideline. In science, scores are based on content only. Spelling and punctuation are not included as part of the scoring process.

#### What is assessed in science?

The science assessment addresses the four major reporting categories: The Nature of Science, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Earth and Space Sciences. The proportion of items in each reporting category varies by grade level.



This year, the Kennywood Park Tickets will be sold in the District on *one-day only* – Monday, April 11, 2022 (by the Kennywood Representatives in each building on the schedule listed below). The cost for each ticket is **\$29.99** (cash or money order only, no *personal checks*). Tickets will expire on June 30, 2022 – Tickets used after this date will be required to pay a \$35 surcharge at the gate. FYI: The cost of full-price admission this year is \$65.99 per ticket.

Kennywood has initiated a page where you can purchase tickets online utilizing a credit card (there is a processing fee service charge per ticket – Promotional code is HAMPTON www.kennywood.com/hampton

# Monday, April 11, 2022

Hampton High School: 11:20 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Hampton Middle School: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Central Elementary School: 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Poff Elementary School: 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Wyland Elementary School: 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

# HTSD KENNYWOOD PICNIC DATE IS Tuesday, June 21, 2022





To celebrate 125 years, we are throwing a massive party! So get ready for exciting new experiences, including the return of the Kangaroo, an enhanced in-park atmosphere and a spectacular lineup of special events.

With the launch of Kennywood's new website, the process for purchasing online tickets will look different this year. Your district will be given a PROMO CODE instead of a URL link. The promo codes will be entered through Kennywood's website and are active now. Below is a quick step-by-step guide for using the promo code on the website.

- Visit <u>www.kennywood.com</u> and follow the instructions below.
- Click on the BUY TICKETS tab on the home page, and select TICKETS from the dropdown.
- Click on the orange BUY NOW button on this page.
- In the top left corner, select PROMO CODE. A box will appear where you will enter your district's promo code.
- Once entered, click SUBMIT.
- Select the number of tickets you would like to purchase, and click NEXT.
- You *must* select a date to visit. Surcharges may apply if tickets are used on a different date other than selected. School picnic tickets are not valid after June 30, 2022.
- Follow all remaining prompts to purchase your school picnic tickets.



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A sixth grader gains confidence as he builds a robot to make awesome spin art!



A fourth grader uses problem-solving skills to create a Spacepack for a galactic journey!

# EXPLORE A TYPICAL DAY AT OUR ALL-NEW 2022 PROGRAM

# A.M. BASE CAMP

Drop off your camper with certified local educators who start each day with games that spark creativity.



# ROBOTIC AQUATICS™:

Campers create a habitat for a robotic fish — complete with a symbiotic friend — and then take their fish home in its mini tank!



# **SPACECATION™:**

Inspired by real space exploration, campers construct Spacepacks and Astro-Arm devices, mine asteroids and observe ice volcanoes!

# **GAMES & LUNCH**

Half the campers head outside to play action-packed games while the others eat lunch — and then they switch.



# NIHF'S THE ATTIC™:

Combining science and art to build their own robotic artists, campers make spin art and learn that everyone can be creative!



# MARBLE ARCADE™:

Campers get their game on as they experiment with the fun of physics and engineering to build their own mega marble arcades!

P.M. BASE CAMP

The day wraps up as campers wind down with problem-solving games.

Il images feature actual campers enjoying our new 2022 program.

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# SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY

# Camp Invention® is for children entering grades 1st-6th.

**Location:** Wyland Elementary School 2284 Wyland Avenue, Allison Park, PA 15101

Date: June 27 - July 1, 2022

Time & Cost: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM | \$250

Register at www.ht-sd.org.

Please direct any questions to Dr. Tocci: (412) 492-6346 tocci@ht-sd.org Hampton Township School District Rebecca J. Cunningham, Ed.D., Assistant Superinte



January 6, 2022

Dear Hampton Elementary School Families:

Please pass the word along to your friends and family – 2022 Kindergarten registration has begun!

Information regarding Kindergarten registration will be published in the local paper and placed on the HTSD Website (<u>www.ht-sd.org</u>). In the meantime, please spread the word to neighbors who may be new in the community or to those without children currently enrolled in the Hampton Elementary Schools. Registering on time is important so that the District can plan appropriately for the number of students who will be attending school in the fall.

Registration for Kindergarten and any first-grade students new to Hampton Schools will take place <u>virtually.</u> To register, please access the HTSD website <u>www.ht-sd.org</u>. Within the District tab, click the "About" Tab. Access the "Moving to Hampton" tab. Once there, families will find instructions for 2022 Kindergarten registrations under "Register My Child." Upload completed packets and documentation to the appropriate elementary school.

# All families are encouraged to complete the online registration process by February 4th.

Children ready to enter Kindergarten should be five years old by August 15, 2022. First graders should be six years old by August 15, 2022. A birth certificate or other acceptable evidence of birth and proof of Hampton residency (closing papers, lease agreement, rent receipt or residency form AND utility bill, cable bill, paid wage tax receipt, driver's license, guardianship form, or court order) are necessary before children can be enrolled. Proof of immunization is necessary as well.

Parents of children who do not meet the above-mentioned age requirements must submit a written request for early admission to the building principal by April 15, 2022. This request should state reasons why early admission to school is appropriate for the child, including information and test data from the school(s) he or she may have attended previously. Admission will be based upon the recommendation of the school in which the student seeks enrollment and the authorization of the Principal and Superintendent.

Thank you for sharing this important information with the Hampton Community. If you have any questions, please reach out to Central Elementary Principal, Dr. Amy Kern, at 412-492-6320; Poff Elementary Principal, Dr. Colleen Hannagan, at 412-492-6335; or Wyland Elementary Principal, Dr. Laurie Tocci, at 412-492-6345.

Sincerely,

Rebecca J. Cunningham, Ed.D. Assistant Superintendent

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Hampton Township School District Kindergarten Registration and Grade 1 Registration for those new to Hampton Elementary Schools

> 2022-2023

# VIRTUAL REGISTRATION

Families are encouraged to begin the process as soon as they are ready and to complete it by February 4th. Please register ASAP, so that the District can plan ahead for all students.

Central Elementary. . . . (412-492-6320) Poff Elementary. . . . . (412-492-6335) Wyland Elementary. . . . (412-492-6345)

Access www.HT-SD.org Access About Tab Access Moving to Hampton Tab Access Register My Child Tab

> Upload Completed Packets and Documentation to the Appropriate Elementary School.

### **Entrance Requirements**

<u>Kindergarten</u> Five (5) years of age by August 15, 2022

<u>Grade 1</u> Six (6) years of age by August 15, 2022



#### Administration Office

4591 School Drive Allison Park, PA 15101 Website: www.ht-sd.org 412-486-6000



# WHAT IS NEEDED

- I) Birth Certificate
- 2) Immunization Record
- 3) Proof of Hampton Residency:
  - a) Closing papers, lease agreement, rent receipt, or residency form AND
  - b) Utility bill, cable bill, paid wage tax receipt, driver's license, guardianship form, court order, etc. (These items must have the same address as those listed under "a" above.)



#### What is the HAEE?

The Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization established in 1992 exclusively for the educational enrichment of students enrolled in the Hampton Township School District. Its mission is to encourage, support, recognize, and reward excellence and innovation in all 5 schools by promoting educational programs that go beyond the basic curriculum to enrich the educational experience of students.

#### Who is the HAEE Board?

It is a mix of parents from each of the schools in the district, alumni of Hampton High School, taxpayers without school age children, local business and industry leaders, and liaisons from the schools and the school board.

#### Five Reasons to Serve on the HAEE Volunteer Board

**Volunteering makes Hampton Township a better place to live.** Are you looking for a way to get involved in your community? When you put in volunteer work, you make a positive impact on the community – and that makes it a better place for everyone. Volunteering helps build a more cohesive and stronger community. Our School District is an anchor for the community with a history and reputation of strong academic excellence.

**Volunteering makes Hampton Township School District Better.** From helping to implement a new music program to creating a hand-on science exploration exhibit, as a volunteer on HAEE you actively participate in raising funds and awarding grants that have an amazing impact on the school district and the educational experience of our students in elementary, middle and high schools.

**Volunteering gives you direct impact on learning in the District**. HAEE often helps where resources are limited and allows the district to have new and innovative learning experiences for the students at all levels in the district. As a board member, your vote matters. If you have students in the District, you can be an advocate or voice for your child's school.

**Volunteering teaches you new skills and expands professional connections**. Volunteering for HAEE can teach you many different skills in a real-life setting. From leadership, to fundraising to marketing -- the list goes on. It provides an opportunity to meet business, school, and community leaders. It's good for both your personal and professional development and growth.

*Volunteering develops close relationships with others.* People who come together from the community to make Hampton a better place forge closer connections.

#### HAEE is an all-volunteer board. As a member of the board, your commitment is to:

- Serve on the board for 3 years
- Attend monthly evening board meetings
- Serve on 1 or more committees of your choice including: (Race, Scholarship, Nominating, Grants, EITC or Marketing) giving you the opportunity to work closely with a small group and drive important initiatives.
- Participate in making the annual HAEE 5K Race a success. As HAEE's primary fundraiser, Board members are asked to reach out to a limited number of community businesses seeking financial sponsorship or other donations, and help on race day (Registration, raffle ticket sales, refreshments & other roles).

#### Visit www.hamptonalliance.org to learn more or contact president@hamptonalliance.org

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# **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

# Hampton Township School District at Central Elementary (Serving Central, Poff, Wyland Elementary Schools)

# EXCEL AFTER THE BELL

The Y makes the most of your child's after school time by offering active learning opportunities designed to engage and expand young minds. Housed in local schools, YMCA Before and After School Care gives your child the opportunity to participate in active play and collaborate on fun projects. But YMCA Before and After School programs are more than child care. They offer a path with a purpose. Students engage in a variety of structured activities that promote positive social interactions, indoor and outdoor play and reinforce academic learning concepts, as well as lessons in empathy, inclusion and service learning.

<b>TIMES OFFERED:</b>	<b>Before School Care</b>	After School Care	Kindergarten Wrap
	7:00 AM – 8:45 AM	School End - 6:00 PM	8:45 AM – 12:45 PM
LOCATIONS:	<b>Central Elementary So</b>	<b>:hool  </b> 4100 Middle Rd.   /	Allison Park, PA 15101

<b>REGISTRATION INFO</b> All rates shown are week			4–5 Days Weekly	
Program Offerings	Facility Member	Community Member	Facility Member	Community Member
Before School Care	\$31	\$34	\$38	\$40
After School Care	\$66	\$73	\$84	\$93
Kindergarten	NA	NA	\$103	\$113
A minimum number of registrants is required for	FACILITY MEMBER RATE Varies by location		<b>COMMUNITY MEMBER RATE</b> Community Member – \$0/year	
the program to operate.	Registration Fee- \$30.00 on or before 7/31 (\$50 from 8/1 and on)			

Youth Development Business Office 7140 Bennett St. Pittsburgh, PA 15208 412 573 4166

# Labels for the stuff kids lose!

Be sure to label all your gear and supplies to help keep them out of the Lost & Found. Shop for durable, personalized labels and support our fundraiser!

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to dining services with Metz Culinary Management at Hampton Township School District for the 2021-22 school year. We look forward to providing the highest level of service to your child(ren) this year.

# Hampton Township School District will be providing free meals to all students in all buildings during the breakfast and lunch periods.

We are actively preparing for how food service will operate on a day-to-day basis in the new school year, and are working with the District administrators each step of the way. Metz Culinary Management wants to assure you that our primary concern is the **safety** of all involved. We are committed to the highest level of sanitation, safety, and service. You can expect the following from our highly trained, professional team members:

- Our team members will practice social distancing during our shifts and service.
- We will require frequent handwashing.
- Our team members will work diligently on disinfecting tables and high touchpoints in the cafeteria and work areas.

In addition to the safety measures listed above, Metz Culinary Management will continue to use deposit envelopes for the students and staff to assist with the safe method of making payments. Students and parents will have access to these envelopes and of course you can still make electronic payments, which is encouraged. The deposit envelopes are to be filled out and handed to a cashier in the cafeteria in the morning or in the cafeteria line during lunch. The cashier will deposit those funds in the account later in the day and no change will be given, which will greatly assist with keeping physical contact to a minimum.

Our menu options will be prepared to the highest safety standards and will include a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grain breads, and an entrée, sandwich, or salad selection that your child will love while providing them with nutritious meal.

We are proud of our relationship with Hampton Township School District and are honored and proud to serve your child(ren). Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mindy Baginski Food Service Director 412-492-6390



Two Woodland Drive. Dallas, PA 18612 ph: 800.675.2499 • metzculinary.com 8274 Blaikie Court, Sarasota, FL 34240 • ph: 941.554.4701



# Adventure and Learn at STEM Camp

This summer, Camp Guyasuta will offer eight weeks of an awesome day camp that are co-ed and open to all youth. These programs will be in a "drop off" format, with early arrival and late pick up available. This arrangement allows youth of working parents the ability to attend an adventure of a lifetime, while not disrupting work schedules.

# **2022 STEM ADVENTURE DAY CAMP**

AGES 6-10/ \$235.00 PER WEEK-Swimming, shooting sports, climbing, games, hikes STEM activities, and more!



AGES 11-13/ \$285.00 PER WEEK-Swimming, shooting sports, climbing, zip lines, kayaking, STEM activities, and more!

June 6-10 | June 13-17 | June 20-24 | June 27- July 1 | July 5-8 | July 11-15 | July 18-22 | July 25-29

For more information or to register visit www.CampGuyasuta.org

Laurel Highlands Council | Camp Guyasuta | 300 23rd Street | Sharpsburg, Pa 15215 | 412-782-2669 | www.lhcscouting.org



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CHIP covers uninsured kids up to age 19 in Pennsylvania. It doesn't matter why your kids don't have health coverage right now; CHIP may be able to help. Most kids receive CHIP for free. Others can get the same benefits at a low cost.

CHIP is brought to you by leading health insurance companies who offer quality, comprehensive coverage.

There is no limit on income. If your income is below CHIP guidelines, your child may be enrolled in Medical Assistance.

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CHIP cubre a niños sin seguro hasta los 19 años en Pennsylvania. No importa cuál sea la razón de que sus hijos no tienen cobertura médica ahora; CHIP puede ayudarle. La mayoría de niños reciben CHIP gratis. Otros pueden obtener los mismos beneficios a un bajo costo. CHIP es traído a usted por las principales compañías de seguros médicos que ofrecen cobertura de calidad e integral.

Si sus ingresos son menos de las pautas indicadas por CHIP, su hijo podría ser inscrito en Asistencia Médica.

