



**March 19, 2021**

## **Spring Assessment Letter**

Dear West York Families,

Each year, the Pennsylvania Department of Education conducts Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) testing at the conclusion of grades 3-8 and Keystone assessments at the end of coursework in Algebra, Literature (High School English 10), and High School Biology.

State assessments will be administered as detailed below:

### **PSSA Schedule, All students (In Person and Cyber Academy)**

<b>Building</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Participants</b>
Lincolnway	4/19, 4/20, 4/22, 4/26, 4/27	English Language Arts; Math	Grade 3 only
Trimmer	4/19, 4/20, 4/22, 4/26, 4/27, 5/3, 5/4	English Language Arts; Math; Grade 4 Science	Grade 3-8
Middle School	4/19, 4/20, 4/22, 4/27, 4/29, 5/4, 5/6	English Language Arts; Math, Grade 8 Science	Grades 3-8

West York Cyber Academy students will attend at their respective building for assessments on the above dates. More information about the PSSA's can be found here: [Information for Parents and Guardians](#), published by the Department of Education.

### **Keystone Schedule**

<b>Keystone Topic</b>	<b>Middle School (8th graders enrolled in Algebra)</b>	<b>Middle School Cyber Academy (8th graders enrolled in Algebra)</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>High School Cyber Academy</b>
Algebra	5/18 and 5/20	5/19 and 5/21	5/17 and 5/18	5/20 and 5/21
Literature	N/A	N/A	5/17 and 5/18	5/20 and 5/21
Biology	N/A	N/A	5/17 and 5/18	5/20 and 5/21

Proficiency in the Keystone is a pathway for graduation as designed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and affirmed in Act 136. More information on statewide graduation requirements can be found on the statewide graduation requirement website linked [here](#). More

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All families of students in assessed grades should review the Electronic Device Policy, linked here. [The electronic device policy, PDE.](#)

**West York Cyber Academy (WYCA):**

Assessment schedules are developed with consideration to social distancing and the District Health and Safety Plan. Transportation and school meals are available to all students for the dates of their assessments. Masks must be worn in accordance with our Health and Safety Plan. If you require transportation and have not already made your request from prior communication, please indicate your needs by March 26, 2021, by completing this form [here](#).

**Bus Schedules for WYCA:**

	Arrive at school by	Depart School at
Lincolnway	8:45 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
Trimmer	8:45 a.m.	3:30 p.m..
Middle School	7:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
High School	7:30 a.m.	2:55 p.m.

Specific bus schedules will be released to the Sapphire Parent Portal 1-2 weeks prior to the assessment date. WYCA students will be permitted to leave the building via their own transportation at the conclusion of their test session as available.

If you have any questions regarding your student's testing schedule, you may contact [mmappnel@wyasd.org](mailto:mmappnel@wyasd.org) to discuss.

With warmest regards,

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