



# BUTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Dear Butler Parents and Families,

This information within this letter provides an update to families regarding PSSA testing and scheduling in our school this year.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires all school districts to administer PSSA testing for the 2023-24 school year. The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment is aligned with the PA Standards. The English Language Arts and Mathematics PSSAs are administered in grades 3 through 8 and the Science PSSA is administered in grade 4 and grade 8.

The specific dates for the English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science Assessment are listed below.

### Butler Testing Schedule:

Subject	Grade(s)	Dates	Time
English Language Arts	3-6	Wed. 4/24	Section 1 - Morning
English Language Arts	3-6	Thurs. 4/25	Section 2 - Morning
English Language Arts	3-6	Fri. 4/26	Section 3 - Morning
Mathematics	3-6	Mon. 4/29	Section 1 - Morning
Mathematics	3-6	Tues. 4/30	Section 2 - Morning
Science	4	Thurs. 5/2	Section 1 - Morning
Science	4	Thurs. 5/2	Section 2 - Afternoon

Students learn all skills, concepts, and content necessary to take the assessment within their daily reading, writing, mathematics, and science instruction. These assessments are critically important; please encourage your child to do their best. The results will be one of the measures we use as we make curricular updates and revisions. Individual performance will be one of the factors we consider when determining which students need additional support or enrichment. The data will help the district plan support for students who are not meeting the expectation of proficient on the exam.

A parent/guardian may choose to exempt their child from participating in the exam(s) if the tested content is found to be in conflict with their religious beliefs as per PA Code 22, Chapter 4.4. To exclude your child from taking one or more Keystone Exam(s), a parent/guardian must complete the following actions required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE).



1. Email the School Assessment Coordinator. For our school, please e-mail [Mrs. Dowd](#) to request an appointment to view the exam(s) to determine if they conflict with your religious beliefs.
2. Report to Butler at the appointed time and sign the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Confidentiality Agreement prior to viewing the exams.
3. Write a letter to the Superintendent of Schools for Central Bucks School District, Dr. Jim Scanlon, stating the specific exam(s) you want your child exempt from for religious reasons. Submit the letter to Mrs. Dowd, Assessment Coordinator, at [ladowd@cbsd.org](mailto:ladowd@cbsd.org).

Sincerely,

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