

Dear New Hope-Solebury Middle School Families,

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying the spring weather.

This email is specifically for students who are five days - in person only. **Separate communication will be coming for families of Virtual Students.**

Included in this email communication is important information regarding the PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment). The administration dates of PSSA testing for ELA (English Language Arts), Math, and Science are below:

- English Language Arts (ELA) – May 11,12, & 13
- Math – May 18 & 19
- Science – May 20 (8th grade only)
- PSSA Make-ups will be the day after each assessment

Car riders - Please arrive at school by 8:00 AM on PSSA testing dates! Please be advised that we anticipate a greater volume of traffic, so please plan accordingly. Students who arrive after the testing has begun will be required to make up the assessment at a later date.

Snacks - Please continue to pack a snack as you usually do

Reading Material - Please have your child bring a book or magazine to read in case they finish early

NO ELECTRONICS - The PSSA has a strict policy regarding electronics. Students are not permitted to have any electronics (other than a school-issued device) in their possession. Backpacks will be stored in the hallway during testing.

The staff and I appreciate your support and partnership in positioning the children for success. In preparation for the days of testing, we recommend:

- Students get a good night's sleep.
- They eat a healthy breakfast.
- Do NOT get anxious about the test – we do not want them to stress out about this.
- Bring pencils.
- Bring a calculator.
- Bring a book or magazine (for “early completers”)

Attendance is essential during these testing dates. Therefore, it is helpful to schedule necessary appointments outside the testing times and have your child present at school each day on time.

If any student arrives at school after the 8 AM test starts, students will need to make up the missed test. These students will be supervised and provided with work to complete by their teacher. Students have worked very hard all year to show what they know on these assessments. We wish them the best of luck!

Please contact me directly with any questions.

Thank you,
Brian Loving

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I hope this email finds you well and enjoying the spring weather.

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All virtual students will be taking the PSSA using the online platform. The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires that students complete an online training tutorial prior to testing. The Online Training Tutorial link is below. Students should watch the tutorial, test their Chromebook and practice on the DRC app before the scheduled testing days. Please reach out to district IT if there is an issue.

Online Training Tutorial Link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WqDfNJOaZ3AnhSGwSLfalF31rvJE0_7R/view

Student Arrival

Students should plan to arrive between **7:50 AM - 8:00 AM** on the testing days. Virtual students can arrive via the bus or car but need to be picked up after the testing is completed. Please be advised that we anticipate a greater volume of traffic, so please plan accordingly. Upon arrival, students will be required to enter the building through our tech department doors next to the Buck Theater and report to the Middle School Cafeteria. All virtual students are required to maintain 6ft of physical distancing from each other.

Student Pickup

Student pickup for virtual students ONLY will begin at **10:30 AM**. Students will exit the building through our tech department doors next to the Buck Theater. If your child needs extended time, they can take as much time as they need. Once they have completed the test, they will be dismissed. Please contact msattendance@nhsd.org if your child cannot be picked up after the PSSA. your child will access their classes through Zoom in our Cafeteria.

Snacks - Please feel free to bring a snack.

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- Bring pencils.
- Bring a calculator.
- Bring headphones
- Bring a book or magazine (for “early completers”)

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ALL VIRTUAL STUDENTS NEED TO BRING THEIR DISTRICT ISSUED CHROMEBOOK TO TAKE THE ASSESSMENT

PLEASE HAVE THE DISTRICT CHROMEBOOK COMPLETELY CHARGED!

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Thank you,
Brian Loving