

March 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Crawford Central School District will administer the PSSA's during the 2023-2024 school year. Students in grades 3-8 this year are required to participate in the English Language Arts and Math PSSA, and students in grades 4 and 8 in the Science PSSA. All students, including those who are enrolled in the district cyber program, must participate.

ELA April 23, 24 and 25, 2024 Math April 30- May 1, 2024 Science May 2-3, 2024

The PSSA must be taken at the school. Students will be tested in classroom or small group settings. It is important that you ensure your child is in attendance on these dates.

Parents/Guardians who wish to opt out due to religious beliefs only, must review the PSSA at the school. Please make an appointment with the guidance office to review. Non-participation negatively affects the required school participation rate. If after the review, it is determined to be against your religious beliefs, your child may be exempt by submitting a letter to the Superintendent. A review must be done in person at the school building with a school official prior to submitting the letter.

Please help your child to do his or her best by encouraging them to get adequate sleep, eat breakfast, and participate with a positive attitude. The state has required that all cell phones and prohibited electronic devices are to be collected as the students enter the testing site. The district encourages all students to leave cell phones and electronic devices at home or turned off and kept in a locker during testing. A copy of the state Code of Conduct for Test Takers and state requirements for cell phone/electronic devices during testing will be reviewed with students. Additional information about the assessments will be posted on the district website at www.craw.org and detailed information about each assessment at www.education.pa.us.

Sincerely,

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