

Manheim Township School District

Testing Policy Letter to Parents

Date:

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our District receives federal funds for education programs that are part of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*, as amended (2015).

This law requires that all States adopt challenging academic standards and tests based on those standards. There must be at least three levels of scores for students who take these tests. This includes tests in mathematics, reading or language arts, science, and any other subject chosen by the State. States are required to develop English language proficiency tests for students who are English learners. Proficiency in a language is a measure of a person's ability to understand and communicate in that language or in a person's preferred mode of communication. Furthermore, States must develop alternate tests for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. A school district may also request State approval to use a locally selected test for high school students that is different than the State

test.

These academic tests provide important information that help teachers, schools, school districts and states identify students' strengths and weaknesses. Test results and other information are used to improve academic and language instruction for students. These tests are also used to identify schools that may be in need of extra support to improve student achievement. It is the goal of the district to have all students participate in state and local testing.

You have the right to request to receive any State or District policy about student participation in any of these tests required by the ESEA. If you request this information, the district must provide it to you.

If you have decided you do not want your child to participate in the State testing, please contact the person below to request the Test Refusal Form. Please note that a new Test Refusal Form must be submitted each school year.

If you have any questions about the benefits of State testing, District testing, or both, please contact this person:

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Please see the next page for a list of State and District tests.

Manheim Township Middle School:
PSSA ELA, Math, and Science
Keystone Algebra (Algebra I students)
Star Assessments

Manheim Township High School:
Keystone Algebra Literature, Biology
Star Assessments (Strategic Literacy students)