



*Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment
(PASA)*

Alternate Assessment Anchors
and Alternate Eligible Content
READING

Grades 7 and 8

The Layout of the PSSA Assessment Anchors and PASA Assessment Anchors Alignment Document

Reading

PSSA Numbering system:

Example: R3.A.1&2.2

- R = Reading
- 3 = Grade
- A = Reporting category
- 1 & 2 = Assessment anchor (fiction and nonfiction have been collapsed together)
- 2 = Sub assessment anchor

PASA Numbering system:

Example: R3&4.AA.1&2.2a (LA)

- R = Reading
- 3&4 = Grade
- 1st A = Reporting category
- 2nd A – Alternate assessment
- 1&2 = Assessment anchor
- 2 = Sub assessment anchor
- a = Eligible content
- LA = Level

PSSA Assessment Anchor

PASA Assessment Anchor

R3.A R4.A Comprehension and Reading Skills		
R3.A.1&2 Understand fiction & nonfiction R4.A.1&2 appropriate to grade level.	R3&4.AA.1&2 Understand fiction & nonfiction that is age appropriate.	
PSSA ASSESSMENT ANCHOR	PASA ASSESSMENT ANCHOR	PASA ELIGIBLE CONTENT
GRADES 3 AND 4 [Decoding Fiction & Nonfiction]		
R3.A.1&2.2 Identify and apply word recognition skills. R4.A.1&2.2 Identify and apply word recognition skills.	R3&4.AA.1&2.2 Identify and apply recognition skills, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • orienting, • matching, • demonstrating phonemic awareness, • naming, and • reading. 	R3&4.AA.1&2.2a (LA) Orients toward materials R3&4.AA.1&2.2b (LA) Matches identical objects – all choices look different from one another R3&4.AA.1&2.2a (LB) Matches identical words – all choices have same beginning and ending letters – words 4-5 letters in length R3&4.AA.1&2.2b (LB) Selects picture with same beginning sound named R3&4.AA.1&2.2a (LC) Selects 1 word named – all choices have same beginning 2 letters

PSSA Sub Assessment Anchor

PASA Sub Assessment Anchor

PASA Eligible Content

The layout of this document reflects the organization of the PSSA assessment anchor content standards - see 2007 PSSA Technical Report for Reading and Mathematics: Grades 3-8 and 11 (page A-2) (attached on the next page).

**PASA ASSESSMENT ANCHORS AND ELIGIBLE CONTENT
READING
GRADE 7 & 8**

R7.A R8.A		
Comprehension and Reading Skills		
R7.A.1&2 R8.A.1&2	Understand fiction & nonfiction appropriate to grade level.	R7&8.AA.1&2 Understand fiction & nonfiction that is age appropriate.
PSSA ASSESSMENT ANCHOR		
GRADES 7 AND 8 [Decoding Fiction & Nonfiction]		PASA ASSESSMENT ANCHOR
PASA ELIGIBLE CONTENT		
R7.A.1&2.2 Identify and apply word recognition skills. R8.A.1&2.2 Identify and apply word recognition skills.	R7&8.AA.1&2.2 Identify and apply word recognition skills, including, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scanning, • matching, • demonstrating phonemic awareness, • naming, and • reading. 	R7&8.AA.1&2.2a (LA) Scans materials R7&8.AA.1&2.2b (LA) Matches identical pictures, photographs R7&8.AA.1&2.2c (LA) Selects picture or photograph named R7&8.AA.1&2.2a (LB) Selects word named R7&8.AA.1&2.2b (LB) Selects word with same beginning sound R7&8.AA.1&2.2c (LB) Selects picture of a word that rhymes R7&8.AA.1&2.2d (LB) Reads word with help of a complex picture R7&8.AA.1&2.2e (LB) Names 2 activities in a complex picture R7&8.AA.1&2.2 (LC) Reads 11-29 words out loud

PSSA ASSESSMENT ANCHOR [Comprehension of Fiction & Nonfiction]	PASA ASSESSMENT ANCHOR	PASA ELIGIBLE CONTENT
<p>R7.A.1&2.1 Identify and apply the meaning of vocabulary.</p> <p>R8.A.1&2.1 Identify and apply the meaning of vocabulary.</p>	<p>R7&8.AA.1&2.1 Identify the meaning of vocabulary, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relationship, • category, • function, and • definition. 	<p>R7&8.AA.1&2.1 (LA) Selects similar pictures, related picture, category of picture or photograph, picture or photograph by function or feature</p> <p>R7&8.AA.1&2.1a (LB) Selects category of a word</p> <p>R7&8.AA.1&2.1b (LB) Selects complex picture showing 2 features named</p> <p>R7&8.AA.1&2.1c (LB) Gives an example of function of word</p> <p>R7&8.AA.1&2.1a (LC) Names item that can be used in place of another</p> <p>R7&8.AA.1&2.1b (LC) Demonstrates understanding of 11-29 word written command</p>
<p>R7.A.1&2.3 Make inferences, draw conclusions, and make generalizations based on text.</p> <p>R8.A.1&2.3 Make inferences, draw conclusions, and make generalizations based on text.</p>	<p>R7&8.AA.1&2.3 Make inferences and draws conclusions, including,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completing a sentence and • answering inferential questions. 	<p>R7&8.AA.1&2.3 (LB) Selects last word missing in sentence</p> <p>R7&8.AA.1&2.3a (LC) Reads 11-29 word passage and supplies missing word</p> <p>R7&8.AA.1&2.3b (LC) Locates words by function</p> <p>R7&8.AA.1&2.3c (LC) Answers inferential questions: what, who, where, when'</p>
<p>R7.A.1&2.4 Identify and explain main ideas and relevant details.</p> <p>R8.A.1&2.4 Identify and explain main ideas and relevant details.</p>	<p>R7&8.AA.1&2.4 Identify and explain the main ideas and relevant details, including,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • answering literal comprehension questions and • sequencing events. 	<p>R7&8.AA.1&2.4 (LA) Answers literal questions: what, who, where</p> <p>R7&8.AA.1&2.4a (LB) Answers literal questions: who, what, where, when, why</p> <p>R7&8.AA.1&2.4b (LB) Selects complex picture showing next event in story</p> <p>R7&8.AA.1&2.4 (LC) Answers literal questions: what, who, where, when, why, how</p>
<p>R7.A.1&2.5 Summarize a fictional text as a whole.</p> <p>R8.A.1&2.5 Summarize a fictional text as a whole.</p>	<p>R7&8.AA.1&2.5 Summarize a fictional text as a whole.</p>	<p>R7&8.AA.1&2.5 (LB) Selects complex picture to identify main event from narrative text</p> <p>R7&8.AA.1&2.5a (LC) Describes 3 events from narrative text</p> <p>R7&8.AA.1&2.5b (LC) Names 3 facts from expository text</p>

NOT ASSESSED IN GRADES 7 & 8 ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT		
R7.A.1&2.6 Identify, describe, and analyze genre of text.		
R8.A.1&2.6 Identify, describe, and analyze genre of text.		

R7.B	Interpretation and Analysis of Fictional and Nonfictional Text
R8.B	
NOT ASSESSED IN GRADES 7 & 8 ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT	