GRADE 3 MATHEMATICS
PENNSYLVANIA SYSTEM OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT
SPANISH TRANSLATION
DIRECTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION MANUAL
Spring 2018
# PSSA Mathematics Spanish

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This manual is to be used for the administration of the **Spring 2018 PSSA Mathematics Assessment for students who will be using the Spanish translation form**. This manual provides the Test Administrator (TA) with directions that will ensure a standard assessment environment in schools throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The administration of this exam may differ from other assessments the TA has given; therefore, **TAs are to become thoroughly familiar with this manual and the procedures for administering the mathematics assessment before the testing window April 16 through 20, 2018.**

### A. Contact Information Concerning Questions

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### B. Maintain Exam Security

The PSSAs are a measure of individual student achievement conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Any deviation from the exam procedures outlined in this manual (including, but not limited to, group work, teacher coaching, teaching or releasing of the performance tasks or exam questions, using old non-released Pennsylvania assessment items as preparation tools, etc.) is strictly prohibited and is considered a violation of exam security. (This prohibition does not include the use of the PSSA Item and Scoring Samplers available on PDE’s website.) Those individuals who divulge exam questions, falsify student scores, or compromise the integrity of the state assessment system in any manner will be subject to professional disciplinary action under the Professional Educator Discipline Act, 24 P.S. § 2070.1a et seq, including a private reprimand, a public reprimand, a suspension of their teaching certificate(s), a revocation of their teaching certificate(s), and/or a suspension or prohibition from being employed by a charter school. In this regard, an educator is any individual who holds public or private academic school certification and all charter and cyber charter school staff members and contracted educational providers who would be required to hold certification if they served in a traditional public school.
In order to ensure the validity and security of the PSSA, all TAs and Proctors should read and understand the *Handbook for Secure Test Administration*. The *Handbook for Secure Test Administration* is Appendix A of this manual; this document is also posted on the PDE website:

www.education.pa.gov [Roll over ‘Data and Reporting’ in the dark blue bar across the top of the page. Select ‘Assessment and Accountability’. Click on the link that reads ‘Continue to Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) Information’ under the paragraph titled “Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA).” Then click on ‘Administration Materials.’]

Students may not discuss, disseminate, or otherwise reveal the assessment content to others. This includes talking with others about questions on the test during or after the test. Students will be subject to discipline based on the LEA’s policy and procedures. Students should be assured that they may discuss the testing process or issues of concern with their parents/guardians.

1. **Test Security**
   a. TAs must complete the online Pennsylvania State Test Administration Training (PSTAT), found at www.pstattraining.net, once every school year for which they are a TA or proctor. The PSTAT must be completed prior to working on any PSSA tasks.
   b. District Assessment Coordinators (DACs), School Assessment Coordinators (SACs), TAs, Principals, and all other individuals who are involved in this assessment program must maintain the security of all exam materials. Together, they share the responsibility for ensuring that all exam materials and student responses are handled securely, confidentially, and in accordance with security mandates and other general procedures. These include, but are not limited to, the following:
      i. Except where allowed by a specific written accommodation, only students being tested are allowed to view the content of the exam materials.
      ii. No secure materials from the assessment may be copied, photographed, or recorded in any manner.
      iii. Student responses must not be reviewed for accuracy or completeness by anyone other than the student.
      iv. Students may not review responses at any time other than during the administration of a test.
   c. It is required that TAs, Proctors, and any other individual who handles secure assessment materials sign a Test Security Certification. The Test Security Certification must be signed after the assessments have been administered.

2. **Reporting Irregularities**
   If a test security violation is suspected, contact the SAC immediately. If you believe the SAC may have involvement in the violation, immediately contact PDE directly at ra-ed-pssa-keystone@pa.gov or 844-418-1651. Sending an email with a detailed subject line will provide a faster response from PDE than calling the toll-free number. Please ensure that you only utilize the email account or telephone number provided here.

3. **Avoiding Inappropriate Test-Taking Strategies**
   Every booklet will be processed by scanners that detect pencil marks. As such, it is not appropriate to have students taking a paper assessment eliminate answers by striking through an answer bubble or by bubbling multiple answers and later erasing. Students who mark their answers in the test booklet initially must remember to mark their final response in the booklet. Students must not discuss, disseminate, or otherwise reveal the assessment content to others.
4. **Storing Secure Materials**

All booklets (and test tickets for online assessments) are considered secure materials and must be kept in a preselected, locked, secure storage area at both the district and school levels. Secure materials must never be left unattended or in open areas. TAs must not be given access to secure test materials before the administration day. TAs should only be given access to secure test materials immediately preceding test administration. **It is mandatory that school districts utilize a sign-out/sign-in sheet for distribution and collection of secure test materials.** It is recommended that TAs count the number of booklets received and returned in the presence of the SAC or his/her designee.

   a. The *Directions for Administration Manuals* are not considered secure test materials and should be provided to TAs prior to the assessment for review.

   b. Each student taking the PSSA will receive **one booklet per subject**.

   c. Scratch paper and any other paper on which students have written is considered secure and must be collected at the end of each testing session to be destroyed by the SAC or his/her designee.

All secure testing materials must be inventoried, counted, and returned immediately to the SAC or his/her designee after testing is completed. Individual restroom breaks during testing are permitted but require monitoring. Materials must be kept secure after each testing session and prior to shipping to Data Recognition Corporation (DRC).
A. Summary of the Test Administrators’ Responsibilities

1. Complete the Pennsylvania State Test Administration Training (PSTAT) online module, prior to working as a TA, one time per year (this satisfies both the PSSA and Keystone Exam requirement for the school year).

2. Become familiar with the exam administration procedures provided in this document, the Directions for Administration Manual.

3. Receive student assessment materials from the SAC immediately prior to the testing session on the day during which he or she is scheduled to be a TA (or Proctor) for the PSSA Grade 3 Mathematics Assessment.

4. Alert the SAC if any student information on the label or bubbled in is incorrect and needs to be changed.

5. Distribute mathematics booklets to students at the time of the assessment.

6. Read the directions for administration to students at the start and end of each PSSA assessment for which he or she is a TA.

7. Actively monitor the assessment environment during the scheduled testing time.

8. Collect, account for (including counting the number received and returned), and return all student assessment materials to the SAC or his/her designee at the end of each assessment session.

9. Return the formula sheet, all scratch paper, and any other paper on which students have written to the SAC or his/her designee at the end of each assessment session.

10. Review, understand, and return the signed and dated Test Security Certification (Test Administrator and Proctor) to the SAC at the end of the final PSSA administration for which he or she is a TA or Proctor.

B. Follow the Exam Schedule Set by the School Assessment Coordinator

The Spring 2018 Mathematics Assessment must be administered within the PDE-designated testing window on the dates assigned by the SAC. Appropriate test conditions optimize the chance for better student performance. The assessment should be given in a regular classroom setting, if possible. Other settings may be used according to needs and available facilities. However, test situations created to dishonestly inflate assessment scores are a violation of test security.

The assessment consists of two sections. Each must be administered in the sequence in which they are printed in the booklet. It is possible to combine the sections as a single testing session. The SAC must discuss the schedule with TAs at least one week prior to the assessment dates. See “General Organization of the Assessment” for more information on administration and testing times.
C. Considerations for Test Administration

The procedures listed below must be followed prior to administering the Spring 2018 Mathematics Assessment. This assessment includes procedures that students may not have encountered before.

1. The SAC will receive a PSSA Handbook for Assessment Coordinators that provides additional, detailed information about the assessment. This document is also posted on these portals:
   a. https://pa.drcedirect.com [Click on ‘Documents’ under the ‘General Information’ tab.]
   b. www.education.pa.gov [Roll over ‘Data and Reporting’ in the dark blue bar across the top of the page. Select ‘Assessment and Accountability.’ Then click on the PSSA link that reads ‘Continue to Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) Information’ under the paragraph titled “Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA).” Then click on ‘Administration Materials.’]

2. The entire Grade 3 Mathematics Directions for Administration Manual (this document) must be read in advance in order to become familiar with the procedures for administering the assessment. Prior to the assessment administration, the TA must do the following:
   a. Become familiar with the assessment schedule and the procedures for allowing extended testing time.
   b. Follow the direction of the SAC for maintaining assessment security.
   c. Plan sufficient time for distribution and collection of materials.
   d. Arrange student seating to prevent student interaction during the assessment sessions.
   e. Post a “Testing—Do Not Disturb” sign on the door(s) to the classroom to indicate that an assessment session is taking place.

3. Student Precode Labels are supplied for most students; however, if any student does not have a Student Precode Label, a District/School Label must be used.

4. Prior to the assessment, ensure that all booklets have a barcode label affixed. For those booklets that have a District/School Label, rather than a Student Precode Label, ensure that the SAC or his/her designee has bubbled in all appropriate information on pages 1 and 2 (see “Reviewing Barcode (District/ School or Student Precode) Labels” on page 14 of this document).

5. Prior to the assessment, be aware of test accommodations that are outlined in the current PSSA and Keystone Accommodations Guidelines and in the current Accommodations Guidelines for English Learners (e.g., “Test Administrator transcribed student responses,” “Extended time”). These documents are posted on the following portals:
   a. https://pa.drcedirect.com [Click on ‘Documents’ under the ‘General Information’ tab.]
   b. www.education.pa.gov [Roll over ‘Data and Reporting’ in the dark blue bar across the top of the page. Select ‘Assessment and Accountability.’ Then click on the PSSA link that reads ‘Continue to Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) Information’ under the paragraph titled “Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA).” Then click on ‘Testing Information.’]

   Note: Any student, regardless of IEP status, may have a word, phrase, or test item read aloud upon request. If the student has a documented need for more than an occasional word, phrase, or test item to be read aloud, the SAC or SAC’s designee must fill in the bubble next to “Some test items/questions read aloud” under “Student used the following Presentation Accommodations” on page 3 of the student’s booklet. However, it is only appropriate to read all test items aloud if this practice is documented as an accommodation. If reading the entire assessment is used as an accommodation, the SAC or SAC’s designee must fill in the bubble next to “All test items/questions read aloud” under “Student used the following Presentation Accommodations” on page 3 of the student’s booklet. TAs must follow the read-aloud guidelines when administering the PSSA assessment.
6. The form number S01 will be on the front cover of each Spanish booklet for the Spring 2018 Mathematics Assessment.

7. Review and understand the PSSA Test Security Certification form found in Appendix B (contact your SAC if you need more information).

8. If a test security violation is suspected, contact the SAC immediately. If you believe the SAC may have involvement in the violation, immediately contact PDE directly at ra-ed-pssa-keystone@pa.gov or 844-418-1651. Sending an email with a detailed subject line will provide a faster response from the PDE than calling the toll-free number. Please ensure that you only utilize the email account or telephone number provided here.

D. Prepare the Students for the Assessment

1. Inform students in advance of the schedule for the assessment sessions, as communicated by the SAC or his/her designee.

2. Students are not permitted to have cell phones, cameras, smartphones, smartwatches, or any other unapproved electronic devices in their possession during the administration of the assessment. Students must be informed of this policy in advance and should be encouraged to leave such items at home on administration days. The TA must collect all such devices prior to distributing assessment materials.

3. PDE encourages districts and schools to inform students before testing begins of the locally determined ramifications/sanctions for student misconduct during the PSSA assessments. This includes, but is not limited to, discipline associated with cheating, sharing, and/or reproduction of test content.

4. Discuss the Code of Conduct for Test Takers, which is in Appendix C of this manual (in Spanish and in English) and is also found in the PSSA Handbook for Assessment Coordinators, with all students prior to the scheduled exam time. It is essential that students understand the importance of each point in the Code of Conduct for Test Takers before testing begins. Prior to the administration, students must fill in the appropriate bubble indicating that they understand the Code of Conduct for Test Takers that their TA (or other school personnel) has reviewed with them. TAs should answer any questions that students have to ensure that all students understand this code of conduct. Students should be assured that they may discuss the testing process or issues of concern with their parents/guardians.

5. Students may not use a dictionary or a thesaurus for any part of this assessment. Note: An exception is made for English Learners (ELs) taking any portion of the assessment. They may use word-to-word bilingual/translation dictionaries that translate native language to English or English to native language. Bilingual/translation dictionaries that include word definitions or pictures are not allowed. If an EL student is using this accommodation, the TA must inform the SAC, and the SAC must record the use in the student’s booklet.

6. Students must use a No. 2 pencil; an ink pen may not be used.

7. Students may highlight, underline, and make notes or comments in the booklet or on scratch paper, but they must write their answers in the booklet. All scratch paper and any other paper on which students have written must be collected and returned to the SAC. Students must not use highlighters on the answer bubbles.
8. Students should not make any extraneous marks on or near the answer bubbles (e.g., crossing out answers believed to be incorrect or marking multiple answers thought to be correct). Students should completely erase any extraneous marks.

9. The mathematics assessment includes questions that require students to select from four possible answers. These multiple-choice questions and answer choices are found in the booklet. Students will read each question and record their answers in the spaces provided **in their booklets only. Responses written or marked on scratch paper and any other paper on which students have written will not be scored.**

10. The mathematics assessment also includes questions that require students to write a response (open-ended questions). Students will read each question and will write their responses in the spaces provided **in the booklet only. Responses written on scratch paper and any other paper will not be scored.**

11. For some mathematics questions, students may use a ruler (supplied).

12. **Students may not use a calculator during the grade 3 assessment.**

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<td>• possess or use unapproved electronic devices, including cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, cameras, any type of computer, or any mobile device with a camera and/or Internet access (e.g., tablets, MP3 players, gaming systems, entertainment devices), at any time during the assessment.</td>
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<td>• possess or use dictionaries, thesauri, and/or spell- or grammar-checkers at any time during the assessment (with the exception of word-to-word translation dictionaries that may be used by EL students).</td>
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**E. Prepare the Classroom for the Assessment**

Good organization of assessment materials and well-executed procedures will make the administration of the assessment proceed smoothly.

Remove or cover with opaque materials all classroom instructional materials or any other materials that could aid students in answering test items.

**DO NOT DISPLAY:**

1. mathematics terms and/or definitions
2. examples of problems or answers
3. tips on how to write responses and/or solve problems
4. illustrations or drawings of geometric shapes, algebraic equations, graphs, or number lines

**Note:** This is not an exhaustive list. These are general examples of what is not permitted. Any materials that may contain content that could be tested must be removed or covered.
The General Description of Scoring Guidelines for Mathematics Open-Ended Questions may be displayed in the classroom. Additionally, each student may have a copy of the guidelines in Spanish and in English on his or her desk, but it must be a clean copy. The guidelines are also posted on these portals:

a.  https://pa.drcedirect.com [Click on ‘Documents’ under the ‘General Information’ tab.]

b.  www.education.pa.gov [Roll over ‘Data and Reporting’ in the dark blue bar across the top of the page. Select ‘Assessment and Accountability.’ Then click on the PSSA link that reads ‘Continue to Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) Information’ under the paragraph titled “Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA).’ Then click on ‘Mathematics.’]

Student seating must be arranged to prevent student interaction during the assessment sessions. A quiet, calm atmosphere is conducive to concentration on the assessment. Disturbances must be kept to a minimum during the assessment sessions. Posting a “Testing—Do Not Disturb” sign on the door(s) to the classroom indicates that an assessment is in session. Students should not be permitted to sharpen pencils during the assessment sessions. Each student should have at least two sharpened No. 2 pencils with good erasers and some scratch paper. Extra sharpened pencils must be available for students.

F. Required Assessment Materials

The SAC will provide the TA with the appropriate assessment materials on each administration day. After each administration, assessment materials, including scratch paper and any other paper on which students have written, must be returned immediately to the SAC. Every booklet has a unique security number and barcode printed on the back cover. These security numbers should be used to track the distribution and collection of secure assessment materials. All secure assessment materials assigned to a school must be accounted for and returned to Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) by the DAC or SAC.

G. Organize the Assessment Materials

For the Test Administrator:

1. One Spring 2018 Grade 3 Mathematics Spanish Translation Directions for Administration Manual (this manual)

2. “Testing—Do Not Disturb” sign(s) to hang on the classroom door(s)

3. One student English/Español mathematics booklet to use for demonstration purposes

4. One copy of the mathematics grade 3 reference sheet in Spanish and in English to use for demonstration purposes

For each student taking the assessment:

1. One English/Español booklet (form S01) with a Student Precode Label or a District/School Barcode Label

2. One copy of the mathematics grade 3 reference sheet in Spanish and in English

3. Two sharpened No. 2 pencils with good erasers

4. Scratch paper for each section

5. One ruler (Students must use only the ruler supplied with testing materials.)
H. Damaged Booklets

If a student receives a booklet with damaged or missing pages, replace it with a booklet of the same form number and allow the student to continue working. If the student has already begun one or more sections of the assessment, the student should start working in the new booklet at the point where the defect was discovered and use the new booklet for the remainder of the assessment. After the assessment has been completed, the SAC or his/her designee must transcribe verbatim all of the student’s previous responses into the undamaged booklet. It is recommended that the transcription take place in the presence of a professional staff member who will sign the appropriate Test Security Certification form. The student may not transcribe answers. On the new booklet, the SAC or his/her designee must affix a District/School Label, write the student’s name (as found in PIMS) on the front cover, and fill in the corresponding bubbles. Applicable portions of page 2 of the booklet should also be completed by the SAC or his/her designee. Do not insert pages from one booklet into another. Multiple documents for one student and loose pages will not be scored.

The TA should give the damaged booklet to the SAC. The SAC will apply a “Do Not Score” label over the existing label on the front cover of the damaged booklet and return it to DRC.

I. Test Management Concerns

Some circumstances during testing require that the TA consult the SAC or contact the DAC. These instances include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Student cheating
2. Test security violation
3. Improper test administration
4. Student illness (during testing)

Issues requiring additional directions and any circumstances not outlined in this DFA may need to be resolved with the SAC and/or DAC and/or PDE. Any test security violation should be reported to the SAC.

If the TA believes the SAC is in violation of test security, he or she should contact PDE. For violations by the DAC, contact PDE at ra-ed-pssa-keystone@pa.gov or 844-418-1651. Sending an email with a detailed subject line will provide a faster response from PDE than calling the toll-free number. Please ensure that you only utilize the email account or telephone number provided here.
J. General Organization of the Assessment

The Grade 3 Mathematics Assessment consists of two sections. It is recommended that each section be scheduled as a separate assessment session; however, it is permissible to combine the sections as a single assessment administration session. The sections must be administered in the sequence in which they are printed in the booklets. The SAC must discuss the schedule with the TA at least one week prior to the administration dates. Adequate time should be scheduled for the preparation of the classroom. The following administration times are estimates and are supplied for scheduling purposes only.

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K. Code of Conduct for Test Takers

The Code of Conduct for Test Takers, found in Spanish and in English in Appendix C, provides requirements that students must follow before, during, and after each assessment. It is important that the Code of Conduct for Test Takers be reviewed with all students and that all questions are answered such that all students understand each point in this code of conduct before the testing day. Prior to starting the assessment, students will be required to darken a bubble in their booklet to indicate that they understand the Code of Conduct for Test Takers that was reviewed with them by their TA (or other school employee). TAs must be prepared to answer any questions about the Code of Conduct for Test Takers so that all students can acknowledge their understanding of the requirements. Students should be assured that they may discuss the testing process or issues of concern with their parents/guardians.

L. Display Assessment Information

During each assessment section, students are to respond to a specific set of test questions. The following test-section information must be displayed on a chalkboard, dry-erase board, or other easily visible medium during each assessment session. Only information about the current assessment session should be displayed.

In addition, the following statement must be displayed on the chalkboard, dry-erase board, or other easily visible medium:

“Go back to make sure you have answered each question before closing your booklet.”

The following Spanish translation of the statement must also be posted on the chalkboard or dry-erase board:

“Regresa y asegúrate de haber contestado cada pregunta antes de cerrar tu folleto.”
M. Extended Testing Time

The PSSA Grade 3 Mathematics Assessment is an untimed assessment. Not all students will finish the assessment sections at the same time. Students should not feel rushed while they are taking the assessment, and no student should be penalized because he or she works slowly. It is equally important, however, to encourage students to work in a timely manner to finish the assessment. Students should close their booklets when they have finished the section of the assessment in which they had been working. Students should keep scratch paper and all other paper on which they have written separate from their booklets. TAs must collect all test materials, including scratch paper and all other paper on which students have written, when students are finished rather than keeping the assessment materials closed on the students’ desks.

1. Students who finish early may sit quietly or read for pleasure until all students have finished the assessment. Reading for pleasure includes magazines along with fiction text such as novels, short stories, poetry, etc. The following are not allowed: reading text that discusses particular skills in the areas of mathematics. For example, students should not be reading a text that explains how to solve an equation. Written work/drawing/coloring of any kind is prohibited to ensure students are not recording secure test content.

2. TAs should follow the direction of the SAC to determine when the assessment session should end and when students who have not finished should be provided an extended-time setting. This may involve using professional judgment. As a general guideline, the assessment session should be ended when all students indicate they have finished an assessment section. All students should complete each section within a school day, and sections must be scheduled so that there is enough time to complete the section within the school day.

3. Any student may request extended time if they indicate they have not completed an assessment section. Such requests should be granted if the TA finds the request to be educationally valid. Not permitting ample time for students to complete the assessment section may impact performance.

4. Students with special requirements and/or disabilities (i.e., physical, visual, auditory, or learning disabilities as defined by their IEP or service contracts) and students who work slowly may require extended time. Special assessment situations should be arranged for these students.

5. When allowing extended time for an assessment session for a portion of the student population:
   a. **Do not** allow students to attend a lunch period with other students if the lunch period occurs between the original assessment session and the extended session.
   b. **Do not** allow students to attend any classes or related activities between the original assessment session and the extended session.
   c. **Do not** allow any overnight extensions.
   d. **Do not** allow students to return to a section after the completion of that section.

6. **Do not allow the extended assessment session to be administered without monitoring. It is the responsibility of a TA to monitor any extended sessions, whether in the classroom where the assessment was begun or in a separate location.**

7. When all students have indicated that they have finished an assessment section, end the session. Students may return to regular activities, or the administration of the next section may begin.
N. Assessment Administration Reminders

It is important to use standardized testing procedures to maintain fairness for all students. Following the assessment administration instructions carefully ensures that all students are tested under similar conditions in all classrooms.

Before test administration:

1. Be sure each student has the correct booklet S01 (correct student name [as found in PIMS]).
2. Be certain to direct students as to where and how to mark or write their answers.
3. Follow the directions of the SAC and this manual for maintaining assessment security.
4. Establish an environment that encourages students to approach the assessment in a positive manner.
5. Read and follow the Handbook for Secure Test Administration (Appendix A). This document is also posted on this portal:

   www.education.pa.gov [Roll over ‘Data and Reporting’ in the dark blue bar across the top of the page. Select ‘Assessment and Accountability.’ Then click on the PSSA link that reads ‘Continue to Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) Information’ under the paragraph titled “Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA).” Then click on ‘Administration Materials.’]

During test administration:

1. Follow the directions of the SAC for maintaining assessment security.
2. The test directions may be repeated to students as needed during the administration; however, the TA may not paraphrase or offer additional information and may not give information that provides clues concerning test questions or answer choices.
3. It is acceptable to encourage the group of students to keep trying.

Remember: You will need a copy of a Spanish Mathematics Booklet during the administration for demonstration purposes. The booklet must be returned to the SAC at the end of each testing session.

- In some places in this manual, the TA will be prompted to “demonstrate” to students where specific administration information (such as instruction boxes, page numbers, question numbers, etc.) can be found in the booklet. To help students understand these references, the TA should hold up a copy of the booklet and point to the relevant information.

- For the remainder of this manual, indented text in bold type is to be read aloud to students exactly as written and the Spanish translation of the text that appears on the left-hand side should be used whenever it has been provided. All other text is information for the Test Administrator.

When ready to start the assessment, the TA should begin with Part III: Directions for Administering the Assessment on the next page of this manual.
A. Getting Started with the Assessment

Make sure all students have two sharpened No. 2 pencils with good erasers. Students are not to have in their possession a cell phone, camera, smartphone, smartwatch, or other unapproved electronic device. **Collect all unapproved electronic devices prior to distributing any assessment materials.**

Say:

Bienvenido al PSSA. Ahora distribuiré el Folleto de 3.° Grado de Matemáticas. No abras tu folleto de hasta que yo te diga.

Welcome to the PSSA. I will now distribute the Grade 3 Mathematics Booklet. Do not open your booklet until I tell you to do so.

Distribute booklets with front covers facing up.

Mathematics booklets must have a Student Precode Label or a District/School Label if the Student Precode Label is not available. Contact the SAC if you do not have a labeled booklet for each student. If a Student Precode Label is not on a student’s booklet, the SAC or his/her designee should have printed the student’s name (as the name appears in PIMS) on the front cover, bubbled in the letters corresponding to the name, and written in the student’s birth date and PAsecureID on page 1.

![Mathematics Booklet](image)

**Note:** A form number is on the front cover of each booklet. There is only one form for the Spanish translation version: S01.

Say:

Hoy comenzaremos la evaluación de matemáticas del estado de Pennsylvania. Cada uno de ustedes debe tener un Folleto de 3.° Grado de Matemáticas en Español. No abras tu folleto hasta que yo te diga.

Observe la portada de tu folleto. En la esquina superior izquierda de tu folleto debe haber una “S” seguida por el número “01”. Si el número en la casilla de tu folleto no es “S01”, levanta la mano y te daré un folleto nuevo.

Today we will begin the Pennsylvania state assessment in mathematics. Each of you should have a Grade 3 Mathematics Booklet. Do not open your booklet until I tell you to do so.

Look at the cover page of your booklet. In the upper left-hand corner of your booklet, there should be an “S” followed by the number “01.” If the number in the box of your booklet is not “S01,” raise your hand, and I will give you a new booklet.
B. Reviewing Barcode (District/School or Students Precode) Labels

Say:

Observa la portada de tu folleto. En la esquina inferior izquierda hay una etiqueta con un código de barras. Verifica si hay una raya de color sobre la etiqueta del código de barras.

Si la etiqueta del código de barras NO TIENE una raya de color, asegúrate de que tu nombre completo y fecha de nacimiento estén correctos. Levanta la mano si encuentras un error.

Si la etiqueta del código de barras TIENE una raya de color, asegúrate que tu nombre completo esté impreso en las casillas de la parte superior de la portada del folleto.

Si la etiqueta del código de barras TIENE una raya de color y tu nombre NO ESTÁ impreso en las casillas, por favor levanta la mano.

Look at the front cover of your booklet. In the lower left-hand corner is a barcode label. Check to see if the barcode label has a colored stripe on it.

If the barcode label DOES NOT have a colored stripe, check to make sure your full name and birth date are correct. Raise your hand if you find an error.

If the barcode label DOES have a colored stripe, check to make sure that your full legal name is printed in the boxes near the top of the cover page of your booklet.

If the barcode label DOES have a colored stripe and your name IS NOT printed in the boxes, please raise your hand.

If the label on a student’s booklet has a colored stripe, but the student’s name is not printed in the boxes, contact your SAC immediately to obtain the student’s name, PAsecureID, and birth date as it appears in PIMS. The student may work on the assessment while the SAC obtains the student’s name, PAsecureID, and birth date. Either you, the SAC, or the SAC’s designee must fill in the information for the student. The student information must include the student’s name as it appears in PIMS, birth date, and PAsecureID.

Note: If any barcode label has an error on it, please contact the SAC.

When all students are ready, say:

En la esquina inferior derecha de tu folleto hay una casilla con el título “CODE OF CONDUCT”. Lee en silencio el contenido de esta casilla mientras yo lo leo en voz alta. “He leído o se me ha leído el ‘Código de Conducta para Examinados’. Al marcar este círculo, confirma que entiendo las instrucciones del código”. Si tú entiendes el Código de Conducta para los Examinados, marca ahora el círculo que está dentro de la casilla. Si tienes alguna pregunta acerca del Código de Conducta para los Examinados, levanta la mano.

In the bottom right-hand corner of your booklet is a box labeled “CODE OF CONDUCT.” Read the statement inside this box silently as I read it aloud. “I have read, or have had read to me, the ‘Code of Conduct for Test Takers.’ By marking this bubble, I verify that I understand the directions in the code.” If you understand the Code of Conduct for Test Takers, darken the circle inside the box now. If you have questions about the Code of Conduct for Test Takers, raise your hand.

Answer student questions until all understand the Code of Conduct for Test Takers and darken the circle inside the box. (The Code of Conduct for Test Takers can be found in Spanish and in English in Appendix C of this manual.)

When students are ready, continue with the next section.
C. Administer Section 1—Mathematics (Spanish and English Scripts)

When all students are ready, say:

Ahora voy a repartir papel borrador, hojas de referencia y reglas. No dobles ni daña tu regla y no hagas ninguna marca en tu regla u hoja de referencia. En cada sección de la prueba, es posible que necesites usar la regla para contestar preguntas de medidas. I will now distribute scratch paper, reference sheets, and rulers. Do not bend or damage your ruler and do not make any stray marks on your ruler or reference sheet. In each section of the test, you may need to use the ruler to answer measurement questions.

Distribute scratch paper, mathematics reference sheets, and rulers. When all students are ready, say:

Ya estamos listos para comenzar la Sección 1: Matemáticas. Para algunas de las preguntas, elegirás tu respuesta entre un grupo de cuatro opciones de respuesta. Para otras preguntas, escribirás tu propia respuesta. Anotarás tu respuesta para ambos tipos de preguntas en tu folleto solamente. Solamente se calificarán las respuestas anotadas en tu folleto. El PSSA es una evaluación sin límite de tiempo. Puedes tomar todo el tiempo que necesites para terminar esta sección. ¿Hay alguna pregunta?

Now we are ready to begin Section 1—Mathematics. For some of the questions, you will choose your answer from among a set of four answer choices. For other questions, you will write your own response. You will record your responses to both types of questions in your booklet only. Only responses recorded in your booklet will be scored. The PSSA is an untimed assessment. You may take as much time as you need to complete this section. Are there any questions?

Answer all questions. When all students are ready, say:

Abre tu folleto en la página 6. Open your booklet to page 6.

Pause while students find the correct page in their booklets. The directions on pages 6 and 7 of the booklet may be repeated to students as needed during the administration of Section 1. When all students are ready, say:

Tu folleto tiene las instrucciones para matemáticas impresas en español y en inglés. Bajo cada instrucción en español encontrarás la instrucción original impresa en inglés. Your booklet contains Mathematics directions printed both in Spanish and in English. Under each direction in Spanish you will find the original direction printed in English.


Instrucciones: En las siguientes páginas están las preguntas de matemáticas.
- No puedes usar calculadora para esta prueba.
- Es posible que necesites una regla para alguna(s) pregunta(s) en esta prueba.


Directions: On the following pages are the Mathematics questions.
- You may not use a calculator on this test.
- You may need a ruler for question(s) on this test.

Now look at the box on page 6. It is labeled “Directions for Multiple-Choice Questions.” Read the directions in the first box silently as I read them aloud.
Part III: Directions for Administering The Assessment

Continue speaking:

Some questions will ask you to select an answer from among four choices.

For the multiple-choice questions:

• First solve the problem on scratch paper.
• Choose the correct answer and record your choice in the booklet.
• If none of the choices matches your answer, go back and check your work for possible errors.
• Only one of the answers provided is the correct response.

Are there any questions?

Now look at the last box on page 7. It is labeled “Directions for Open-Ended Questions.” Read the directions in the box silently as I read them aloud.

Some questions will require you to write your response.

For the open-ended questions:

• These questions have more than one part. Be sure to read the directions carefully.
• You cannot receive the highest score for an open-ended question without completing all tasks in the question. For example, if the question asks you to show your work or explain your reasoning, be sure to show your work or explain your reasoning in the space provided.
• If the question does not ask you to show your work or explain your reasoning, you may use the space provided, but only those parts of your response that the question specifically asks for will be scored.
• Write your response in the appropriate location within the response box in the booklet. Some answers may require graphing, plotting, labeling, drawing, or shading. If you use scratch paper, be sure to transfer your final response and any needed work or reasoning to the booklet.

Are there any questions?
Answer all questions. When all students are ready, say:

Ahora mira la hoja de referencia que repartí junto con tu papel borrador y tu regla.

Now look at the reference sheet that I passed out along with your scratch paper and ruler.

Pause while students look at the mathematics reference sheet. When all students are ready, say:

Esta es la Descripción General de las Pautas de Calificación la cual proporciona una descripción general de cómo se califican las respuestas para las preguntas abiertas de PSSA. Cada pregunta tiene una guía de puntuación específica que es utilizada por los calificadores profesionales. Puedes consultar la Descripción General de las Pautas de Calificación en cualquier momento mientras estés contestando una pregunta abierta de matemáticas PSSA. No escribas en la hoja de referencia, ya que la usarás también para otras secciones de la prueba. ¿Hay alguna pregunta?

This is the General Description of Scoring Guidelines that gives an overall description of how items are scored for the PSSA open-ended questions. Each item has a specific scoring guide that is used by professional scorers. You may refer to the General Description of Scoring Guidelines at any time while responding to an open-ended PSSA mathematics question. Do not write on the reference sheet, as you will use it for other sections of the test. Are there any questions?

Answer all questions. When all students are ready, say:

Las preguntas de matemáticas en este folleto están impresas en español y en inglés. La traducción en español aparece arriba o a un lado del inglés. Puedes leer las preguntas en español o en inglés o en ambos idiomas. Para las preguntas abiertas puedes escribir tu respuesta en español o en inglés o en una combinación de español e inglés. ¿Hay alguna pregunta?

The mathematics questions in this booklet are printed both in Spanish and in English. The Spanish translation is shown above or next to the English. You may read the questions in Spanish or in English or in both languages. For open-ended questions, you may write your response in Spanish or in English or in a combination of Spanish and English. Are there any questions?

Answer all questions. When all students are ready, say:

Ya estamos listos para empezar la Sección 1. Pasa a la página 8 en tu folleto. En la esquina inferior derecha verás una flecha que dice “CONTINÚA”.

We are now ready to start Section 1. Turn to page 8 in your booklet. In the bottom right-hand corner, you will see an arrow.

Point to the arrow in the booklet that you are using for demonstration purposes. If necessary, walk around the room to ensure that all students see the arrow.

Esta flecha indica que no has terminado la Sección 1 y debes continuar en la siguiente página. Sigue las flechas que dicen “CONTINÚA” hasta terminar todas las preguntas de opción múltiple y las dos preguntas abiertas de la Sección 1. Al final de la Sección 1, verás una señal que dice “PARA”.

This arrow indicates that you are not yet finished with Section 1 and you are to continue on to the next page. Follow the arrows in the booklet, and continue until you complete all of the multiple-choice questions and both of the open-ended questions in Section 1. At the end of Section 1, you will see a stop sign.
Point to the stop sign on page 35 of the booklet you are using for demonstration purposes. If necessary, walk around the room to ensure that all students see the stop sign.

Recuerda completar las preguntas 1 a 26 en la Sección 1 y marcar solamente una respuesta correcta para cada pregunta en tu folleto. Si terminas la Sección 1 antes de que termine la sesión de evaluación, puedes revisar tu trabajo SOLO para las preguntas de la Sección 1. No mires las próximas partes del folleto de Matemáticas. Después de revisar tu trabajo, asegúrate de haber borrado completamente lo que hayas cambiado de una respuesta, las marcas sueltas en tu folleto y lo que hayas escrito en tu hoja de referencia. Luego cierra tu folleto para que yo sepa que ya terminaste. Yo recogeré tus materiales de prueba cuando termines. Puedes permanecer sentado en silencio o leer para entretenerte hasta que el resto del grupo termine la Sección 1. ¿Hay alguna pregunta?

Remember to complete questions 1 through 26 in Section 1 and to mark only one correct answer for each question in your booklet. If you complete Section 1 before the testing session is over, you may check your work for questions ONLY in Section 1. Do not look ahead to other parts of the mathematics booklet. After you have checked your work, make sure you have completely erased wherever you have changed an answer or have made a stray mark in your booklet or have written on your reference sheet. Then close your booklet so I will know you have finished. I will collect your test materials when you finish. You may sit quietly or read for pleasure until the rest of the class completes Section 1. Are there any questions?

Answer all questions.

Note: Students who finish early may sit quietly or read for pleasure until all students have finished the assessment. Reading for pleasure includes magazines along with fiction text such as novels, short stories, poetry, etc. The following are not allowed: reading text that discusses particular skills in the areas of mathematics. For example, students should not be reading a text that explains how to solve an equation. Written work/drawing/coloring of any kind is prohibited to ensure students are not recording secure test content.

When all students are ready, say:

Puedes empezar. You may begin.

While students are taking the assessment, be available as a resource. Do not give any individual or group help that might suggest the correct answer to a question. Do not communicate to a student that the student should “check” an answer or that the student has answered an item incorrectly. You may, however, provide clarification of test directions and/or direct the student to the correct section of the test. The directions on pages 6 and 7 of the booklet may be repeated to students as needed during the administration of Section 1.

Each section has a shape or shapes in the header with the number of the section inside the shape(s) so that the section can be easily identified. There is one circle in the header of all pages in Section 1. While students are taking the assessment, ensure that students are working in the correct section of the test.

Encourage students to try all of the tasks (questions) and to complete the assessment. An incorrect answer is scored the same as a blank answer.
The testing time for this section is estimated to be 70 to 80 minutes, but the actual administration time may vary. Collect test materials, including scratch paper and any other paper on which students have written, when students are finished testing rather than keeping booklets closed on the students’ desks. End the session when all students have completed the section or when you are at the end of the scheduled time. Since each student is to be provided sufficient time to finish the assessment, additional time may be allowed on an individual basis if one or more students are continuing to make reasonable progress on the assessment. For more information about Extended Testing Time, see Part II of this document. When you have confirmed that approximately five minutes remain in the testing time for the group and not all students have finished, say:

**Esta sesión terminará en cinco minutos aproximadamente. Asegúrate de haber borrado completamente lo que hayas cambiado de una respuesta, las marcas sueltas en tu folleto y lo que hayas escrito en tu hoja de referencia. Si necesitas más tiempo para terminar esta sección, te darán indicaciones al respecto.**

At the end of the scheduled time, say:

**Cierra tu folleto. Utilizarás el mismo folleto para la sección restante de la evaluación, así que asegúrate de que tu nombre esté en la portada de tu folleto. Si ya terminaste, recogeré ahora tu folleto, tu hoja de referencia, tu regla, tu papel borrador, así como cualquier otro papel en el que hayas escrito, y tu sesión de prueba habrá terminado. Si necesitas más tiempo, avísame para que se extienda tu sesión y se te den indicaciones adicionales al respecto.**

**Close your booklet. You will use the same booklets for the remaining section of the assessment, so make sure your name is on the front cover of your booklet. If you are finished, I will collect your booklets, reference sheet, ruler, scratch paper, and any other paper on which you have written. Your testing session will then be complete. If you need more time, let me know, and you will be provided with an extended session and given additional direction.**

- If you are continuing the assessment at this time, now is the time to take a short break. Say:

  **Vas a tomar un descanso antes de comenzar la Sección 2, de manera que ahora recogeré el resto de los materiales de la prueba.**

  Collect any remaining booklets, scratch paper and any other paper on which students have written, and mathematics reference sheets, and rulers, making sure that each student’s name is on the booklet. All assessment materials must remain secure at all times. Following the short break, go on to “Administer Section 2—Mathematics,” found on the next page of this manual.

- If you are administering Section 2 at another time (later in the same day or on a different day), say:

  **Vas a contestar la Sección 2 en otro momento, de manera que ahora recogeré el resto de los materiales de la prueba.**

  Collect any remaining booklets, scratch paper and any other paper on which students have written, mathematics reference sheets, and rulers, making sure that each student’s name is on the booklet. Only students who have completed Section 1 may move on to Section 2.

  Return all secure materials (e.g., booklets) immediately to the SAC or his/her designee for secure storage. Collect reference sheets, rulers, used scratch paper, and any other paper on which students have written, and return them to the SAC or his/her designee for destruction. **Note:** Do NOT review student responses to test questions for completeness or accuracy. Do NOT review booklets for stray marks. Do NOT place scratch paper inside the booklet.
D. Administer Section 2—Mathematics (Spanish and English Scripts)

Make sure all students have two sharpened No. 2 pencils with good erasers. Students are not to have in their possession a cell phone, camera, smartphone, smartwatch, or other unapproved electronic device. Collect all unapproved electronic devices prior to distributing any assessment materials. Distribute booklets to students, making certain each student has the correct booklet.

Say:

Asegúrate que tu nombre esté en la portada de tu folleto.

Check to make sure that your name is on the front cover of the booklet.

When all students are ready, say:

Ahora voy a repartir papel borrador, hojas de referencia y reglas. No dobles ni dañes tu regla y no hagas ninguna marca en tu regla u hoja de referencia. En cada sección de la prueba, es posible que necesites usar la regla para contestar preguntas de medidas.

I will now distribute scratch paper, reference sheets, and rulers. Do not bend or damage your ruler and do not make any stray marks on your ruler or reference sheet. In each section of the test, you may need to use the ruler to answer measurement questions.

Distribute scratch paper and mathematics reference sheets. When all students are ready, say:

Ya estamos listos para comenzar la Sección 2: Matemáticas. Para algunas de las preguntas, elegirás tu respuesta entre un grupo de cuatro opciones de respuesta. Para otras preguntas, escribirás tu propia respuesta. Anotarás tu respuesta para ambos tipos de preguntas en tu folleto solamente. Solamente se calificarán las respuestas anotadas en tu folleto. El PSSA es una evaluación sin límite de tiempo. Puedes tomar todo el tiempo que necesites para terminar esta sección. ¿Hay alguna pregunta?

Now we are ready to begin Section 2—Mathematics. For some of the questions, you will choose your answer from among a set of four answer choices. For other questions, you will write your own response. You will record your responses to both types of questions in your booklet only. Only responses recorded in your booklet will be scored. The PSSA is an untimed assessment. You may take as much time as you need to complete this section. Are there any questions?

Answer all questions. When all students are ready, say:

Abre tu folleto de prueba en la página 36.

Open your booklet to page 36.

Pause while students find the correct page in their booklets. The directions on pages 36 and 37 of the booklet may be repeated to students as needed during the administration of Section 2. When all students are ready, say:

Tu folleto tiene las instrucciones para matemáticas impresas en español y en inglés. Bajo cada instrucción en español encontrarás la instrucción original impresa en inglés.

Your booklet contains Mathematics directions printed both in Spanish and in English. Under each direction in Spanish you will find the original direction printed in English.

Mira las instrucciones en la página 36. Lee las instrucciones en silencio mientras yo las leo en voz alta en español.

Look at the directions on page 36. Read the directions silently as I read them aloud in Spanish.
Continue speaking:

On the following pages are the mathematics questions.
- You may not use a calculator on this test.
- You may need a ruler for question(s) on this test.

Now look at the box on page 36. It is labeled “Directions for Multiple-Choice Questions.” Read the directions in the box silently as I read them aloud.

Some questions will ask you to select an answer from among four choices.

For the multiple-choice questions:
- First solve the problem on scratch paper.
- Choose the correct answer and record your choice in the booklet.
- If none of the choices matches your answer, go back and check your work for possible errors.
- Only one of the answers provided is the correct response.

Are there any questions?

Answer all questions. When all students are ready, say:

Now look at the box on page 37. It is labeled “Directions for Open-Ended Questions.” Read the directions in the last box silently as I read them aloud.

Some questions will require you to write your response.
Para las preguntas abiertas:

- Estas preguntas tienen más de una parte. Asegúrate de leer las instrucciones cuidadosamente.
- No podrás obtener la puntuación más alta para una pregunta abierta si no terminas todas las tareas de la pregunta. Por ejemplo, si te piden en la pregunta que muestres tu trabajo o expliques tu razonamiento, asegúrate de mostrar tu trabajo o explicar tu razonamiento en el espacio proporcionado.
- Si en la pregunta no te piden que muestres tu trabajo o expliques tu razonamiento, puedes usar el espacio proporcionado, pero solo se calificarán las partes de tu respuesta que se piden específicamente en la pregunta.
- Escribe tu respuesta en el lugar apropiado dentro del cuadro de respuestas en el folleto. Algunas respuestas pueden requerir graficar, trazar, rotular, dibujar o sombrear. Si usas papel borrador, asegúrate de transferir al folleto tu respuesta final y cualquier trabajo o razonamiento necesarios.

¿Hay alguna pregunta?

Answer all questions. When all students are ready, say:

Ahora mira la hoja de referencia que repartí junto con tu papel borrador y tu regla.

Pause while students look at the mathematics reference sheet. When all students are ready, say:

Esta es la Descripción General de las Pautas de Calificación la cual proporciona una descripción general de cómo se califican las respuestas para las preguntas abiertas de PSSA. Cada pregunta tiene una guía de puntuación específica que es utilizada por los calificadores profesionales. Puedes consultar la Descripción General de las Pautas de Calificación en cualquier momento mientras estés contestando una pregunta abierta de matemáticas PSSA. No escribas en la hoja de referencia, ya que la usarás también para otras secciones de la prueba. ¿Hay alguna pregunta?

For the open-ended questions:

- These questions have more than one part. Be sure to read the directions carefully.
- You cannot receive the highest score for an open-ended question without completing all tasks in the question. For example, if the question asks you to show your work or explain your reasoning, be sure to show your work or explain your reasoning in the space provided.
- If the question does not ask you to show your work or explain your reasoning, you may use the space provided, but only those parts of your response that the question specifically asks for will be scored.
- Write your response in the appropriate location within the response box in the booklet. Some answers may require graphing, plotting, labeling, drawing, or shading. If you use scratch paper, be sure to transfer your final response and any needed work or reasoning to the booklet.

Are there any questions?

Now look at the reference sheet that I passed out with your scratch paper and ruler.

This is the General Description of Scoring Guidelines that gives an overall description of how items are scored for the PSSA open-ended questions. Each item has a specific scoring guide that is used by professional scorers. You may refer to the General Description of Scoring Guidelines at any time while responding to an open-ended question for PSSA. Do not write on the reference sheet, as you will use it for another section of the test. Are there any questions?

Answer all questions.
When all students are ready, say:

Las preguntas de matemáticas en este folleto están impresas en español y en inglés. La traducción en español aparece arriba o a un lado del inglés. Puedes leer las preguntas en español o en inglés o en ambos idiomas. Para las preguntas abiertas puedes escribir tu respuesta en español o en inglés o en una combinación de español e inglés. ¿Hay alguna pregunta?

Answer all questions. When all students are ready, say:

Ya estamos listos para empezar la Sección 2. Pasa a la página 38 en tu folleto. En la esquina inferior derecha verás una flecha que dice “CONTINÚA”.

Point to the arrow in the booklet that you are using for demonstration purposes. If necessary, walk around the room to ensure that all students see the arrow. Then say:

Esta flecha indica que no has terminado la Sección 2 y debes continuar en la siguiente página. Sigue las flechas que dicen “CONTINÚA” hasta terminar todas las preguntas de opción múltiple y la pregunta abierta de la Sección 2. Al final de la Sección 2 verás una señal que dice “PARA”.

Point to the stop sign on page 68 of the booklet you are using for demonstration purposes. If necessary, walk around the room to ensure that all students see the stop sign. Then say:

Recuerda completar las preguntas 27 a 52 en la Sección 2 y marcar solamente una respuesta correcta para cada pregunta en tu folleto. Si terminas la Sección 2 antes de que termine la sesión de evaluación, puedes revisar tu trabajo SOLO para las preguntas de la Sección 2. No mires ninguna otra parte del folleto. Después de revisar tu trabajo, asegúrate de haber borrado completamente lo que hayas cambiado de una respuesta, las marcas sueltas en tu folleto y lo que hayas escrito en tu hoja de referencia. Luego cierra tu folleto para que yo sepa que ya terminaste. Yo recogeré tus materiales de prueba cuando termines. Puedes permanecer sentado en silencio o leer para entretenerte hasta que el resto del grupo termine la Sección 2. ¿Hay alguna pregunta?

Answer all questions.

The mathematics questions in this booklet are printed both in Spanish and in English. The Spanish translation is shown above or next to the English. You may read the questions in Spanish or in English or in both languages. For open-ended questions, you may write your response in Spanish or in English or in a combination of Spanish and English. Are there any questions?

We are now ready to start Section 2. Now unfold your booklet and look at page 38 in your booklet. In the bottom right-hand corner, you will see an arrow.

This arrow indicates that you are not yet finished with Section 2 and you are to continue on to the next page. Follow the arrows in the booklet, and continue until you complete all of the multiple-choice questions and the open-ended question in Section 2. At the end of Section 2, you will see a stop sign.

Remember to complete questions 27 through 52 in Section 2 and to mark only one correct answer for each question in your booklet. If you complete Section 2 before the testing session is over, you may check your work for questions ONLY in Section 2. Do not look back to any other parts of the booklet. After you have checked your work, make sure you have completely erased wherever you have changed an answer or have made a stray mark in your booklet or have written on your reference sheet. Then close your booklet so I will know you have finished. I will collect your test materials when you finish. You may sit quietly or read for pleasure until the rest of the class completes Section 2. Are there any questions?
Note: Students who finish early may sit quietly or read for pleasure until all students have finished the assessment. Reading for pleasure includes magazines along with fiction text such as novels, short stories, poetry, etc. The following are not allowed: reading text that discusses particular skills in the areas of mathematics. For example, students should not be reading a text that explains how to solve an equation. Written work/drawing/coloring of any kind is prohibited to ensure students are not recording secure test content.

When all students are ready, say:

**Puedes empezar.**  
**You may begin.**

While students are taking the assessment, be available as a resource. Do not give any individual or group help that might suggest the correct answer to a question. Do not communicate to a student that the student should “check” an answer or that the student has answered an item incorrectly. You may, however, provide clarification of test directions and/or direct the student to the correct section of the test. The directions on pages 36 and 37 of the booklet may be repeated to students as needed during the administration of Section 2.

Each section has a shape or shapes in the header with the number of the section inside the shape(s) so that the section can be easily identified. There are two half circles in the header of all pages in Section 2. While students are taking the assessment, ensure that students are working in the correct section of the test.

Encourage students to try all of the tasks (questions) and to complete the assessment. An incorrect answer is scored the same as a blank answer.

The testing time for this section is estimated to be 70 to 80 minutes, but the actual administration time may vary. Collect test materials, including scratch paper and any other paper on which students have written, when students are finished testing rather than keeping booklets closed on the students’ desks. End the session when most students have completed the section and you are nearing the end of the scheduled time. Since each student is to be provided sufficient time to finish the assessment, additional time must be allowed on an individual basis if one or more students are continuing to make reasonable progress on the assessment. For more information about Extended Testing Time, see Part II of this manual.

At the end of the scheduled time, say:

**Esta sesión terminará en cinco minutos aproximadamente. Asegúrate de haber borrado completamente lo que hayas cambiado de una respuesta y las marcas sueltas en tu folleto. Si necesitas más tiempo para terminar esta sección, te darán indicaciones al respecto.**  
**This session will end in about five minutes. Make sure that you have completely erased wherever you have changed an answer or have made a stray mark in your booklet. If you need additional time to complete this section, direction will be provided for you.**

Collect the booklets, making sure that each student’s name is on the booklet.
Say:

Ahora recogeré tu papel borrador, así como cualquier otro papel en el que hayas escrito, tu regla y tu hoja de referencia.

I will now collect your scratch paper, and any other paper on which you have written, your ruler, and your reference sheet.

Collect scratch paper and any other paper on which students have written, rulers, and reference sheets.

Return all secure materials (e.g., booklets) immediately to the SAC or his/her designee for secure storage. Collect reference sheets, rulers, used scratch paper, and any other paper on which students have written and return them to the SAC or his/her designee for destruction. **Note:** Do NOT review student responses to test questions for completeness or accuracy. Do NOT review booklets for stray marks. Do NOT place scratch paper inside the booklet.
A. After Testing is Complete

After testing is complete:

1. Make sure each student turned in his/her booklet.

2. Make sure student identification information is complete and correct on all students’ booklets.

3. If a student booklet has a barcode label with a colored stripe (a District/School Label), make sure that the SAC or his/her designee has completed the applicable portions of the front cover and page 2 of the booklet by printing the student’s name (as found in PIMS) and filling in the bubbles. (See your SAC if you have questions or require further direction.)

4. If a student used any accommodation listed on page 3 of the booklet during the administration of the exam, make sure that applicable portions of page 3 of the booklet are completed by filling in the bubbles. (See your SAC if you have questions or require further direction.)

5. Do NOT review mathematics booklets or check the response pages of the booklet for content, accuracy, completeness, or stray marks.

6. Review the Test Security Certification, which is found in Appendix B. Contact your SAC if you need more information.

B. Return Materials

Assessment materials must be kept secure. All materials, including any unused materials, related to the administration of this assessment must be returned to the SAC or his/her designee.

Return all assessment materials to the SAC or his/her designee for secure storage. This includes used and unused booklets, this manual, mathematics reference sheets, rulers, used scratch paper, and any other paper on which students have written. All assessment materials must be returned to the SAC immediately at the end of the assessment session.

Reminder: All used booklets returned to Data Recognition Corporation for processing must have a barcode label (District/School, Student Precode, or Do Not Score) affixed to the front cover of the booklet. Do not affix a barcode label to any unused booklet.

Remember: Every TA involved in the administration of the Spring 2018 Mathematics Assessment must sign and date a Test Security Certification (Test Administrator and Proctor). When a TA signs and dates the Test Security Certification, that person certifies that all security measures have been followed for this PSSA administration. TAs should return the signed and dated Test Security Certification to the SAC or his/her designee upon completion of the last testing session.

If a test security violation is suspected, contact the SAC immediately. If you believe the SAC may have involvement in the violation, immediately contact the Pennsylvania Department of Education at ra-ed-pssa-keystone@pa.gov or 844-418-1651. Sending an email with a detailed subject line will provide a faster response from PDE than calling the toll-free number. Please ensure that you only utilize the email account or telephone number provided here.

Note: The SAC has all information on returning assessment materials to Data Recognition Corporation (DRC).
Appendix A:

Handbook for Secure Test Administration
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Security Statement

State assessments rely on the measurement of individual achievement. Any deviation from procedures meant to ensure test validity and security (e.g., group work, teacher coaching, teaching or release of any test items, use of previously administered Pennsylvania assessments as preparation tools) is strictly prohibited and will be considered a violation of test security. LEA/school personnel with access to the assessment materials must not review, discuss, disseminate, or otherwise reveal the contents to anyone. (This prohibition excludes the Item and Scoring Samplers available on the Pennsylvania Department of Education’s (PDE’s) website.)

Any action by a professional employee or commissioned officer that is willfully designed to divulge test questions, falsify student scores, or compromise the integrity of the state assessment system will be subject to disciplinary action under the Educator Discipline Act, 24 P.S. §§ 2070.1a et seq, which may include a private reprimand, a public reprimand, a suspension of his/her teaching certificate(s), a revocation of his/her teaching certificate(s), and/or a suspension or prohibition from being employed by a charter school.

Training and Test Administration Procedures

The purpose of this handbook is to assist in the training of LEA/school personnel to properly and securely administer state assessments. This handbook is also an important and valuable resource in implementing testing successfully from planning and preparing to collecting and returning tests.

Roles and Responsibilities: Training

The District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) is responsible for completing all of the PSTAT trainings provided by PDE for the DACs, SACs, and TAs/Proctors. DACs must complete the DRC training on receiving and packaging materials. The DAC is then responsible for coordinating all training that takes place in the LEA and for determining specifics related to test administration such as a schedule, type of administration (paper and pencil or online) and other LEA-level administrative aspects of the testing. The DAC is responsible for ALL training in the LEA with primary responsibility for the direct training of School Assessment Coordinators (SACs). In some LEAs the DAC may train the LEA-level staff who handle and/or have access to secure test material.

The SAC receives training from the DAC and must also complete both the PSTAT training for SACs and for TAs/Proctors. The SAC is then responsible to oversee all aspects of test administration in a building, including training Test Administrators (TAs), proctors, and other building level staff.

The TAs/Proctors must complete the PSTAT training for TAs/Proctors. The TAs/Proctors are responsible for administering the assessment and monitoring students during the assessment.

The Handbook for Assessment Coordinators provides more information related to training.

Roles and Responsibilities: Test Administration

The following lists the general roles and responsibilities for DACs, SACs/Principals, TAs/Proctors, and general personnel before, during, and after test administration. The lists are not exhaustive but provide a general overview of the most important responsibilities of each individual in test administration. In some cases the responsibilities may overlap between or among DACs, SACs, and/or TAs/Proctors. In these cases it is the responsibility of the DAC to determine who has the primary responsibility and is accountable for specific duties, especially when duties may be shared.
1. **DISTRICT ASSESSMENT COORDINATOR TEST SECURITY GUIDELINES**

General Statement: Administer the assessment using the best practices and with fidelity to the administrative guidelines; keep the assessment materials secure and confidential; prevent any dishonest or fraudulent behavior in the administration and handling of the assessment; and promote a fair and equitable testing environment in order to obtain reliable and valid student scores.

**Before Test Administration – DAC**

Complete the PSTAT trainings for the administration of the assessments annually.

Complete the *Accommodations Guidelines* training annually.

Update eDIRECT accounts for LEA and school users.

Review the *Handbook for Assessment Coordinators* (HAC), *Directions for Administration* (DFA), *Accommodations Guidelines*, *Online User Guides* (if online testing) and other test-related documents necessary to conduct training for test administration.

Review the LEA’s policy/procedures for home-schooled students.

Review the LEA’s policy for handling cyber-charter schools’ requests to test their students.

Develop and maintain the LEA’s procedure for parental requests to view tests (opt-outs).

Develop and maintain the LEA’s procedure for handling breaks during test administration and keeping test and answer booklets secure.

Develop and maintain the LEA’s procedure for handling disruptions during test administration and keeping test and answer booklets secure.

Develop and maintain the LEA’s procedure for handling emergencies during test administration.

Develop the LEA’s master test schedule (including make-ups) that falls within PDE established test windows for each administration and include it in training. Ensure that the test schedule is developed so that sections are administered in the sequence in which they are printed in the test booklets.

Develop a training agenda and train SACs and other LEA-level staff involved in test administration or the handling of secure material prior to conducting any of their assigned work. (See *Handbook for Assessment Coordinators* for more information).

Ensure that SACs are trained on the Test Accountability and Security information contained in the *Handbook for Assessment Coordinators*.

Ensure that SACs are trained on the *Accommodations Guidelines*.

Ensure that all individuals involved in the handling of assessment materials and/or the administration of the assessment are instructed in test security protocols and procedures.

Ensure that any individual who will administer and/or proctor the assessment annually completes the online Pennsylvania State Test Administration Training (PSTAT).
Ensure that all individuals involved in the handling and/or administration of the assessment receive instruction that all assessment materials, including all assessment booklets and other materials containing secure assessment questions and student responses, are to be kept secure and precisely accounted for in accordance with the procedures specified in the Handbook for Assessment Coordinators.

Ensure that SACs receive instruction on the policy regarding all electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, cameras, etc.).

Ensure that all individuals who assist in the administration of the assessment and all individuals who have access to the secure assessment materials have been made aware that they are not in any manner to alter or cause the alteration of any examinee response, assessment booklet, or papers used by examinees.

Communicate to students, parents, and the community that which the assessment does and does not measure, when and how it will be administered, and how the results will be used. Refer to the Handbook for Assessment Coordinators for a sample Parent Letter.

Notify and ensure that all students and parents/guardians have been provided the policy regarding all electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, cameras, etc.).

Consider having a teacher other than the teacher-of-record administer the assessment to students. If local circumstances do not allow that option, consider assigning a Proctor to be in the classroom with the Test Administrator. (In some circumstances LEAs have been directed by PDE not to use the teacher-of-record to administer the assessment to his/her students.)

Inventory secure materials without breaking the shrink wrap (ship-to-district).

Report any items not received.

Distribute tests to School Assessment Coordinator(s) (ship-to-district).

**During Test Administration – DAC**

Monitor testing sites to ensure administration of the assessments in accordance with PDE policies and procedures.

Ensure that sections/modules are started and completed in the same day as per the LEA testing schedule.

Instruct all school staff to minimize distractions, including intercom announcements.

Testing irregularities/security breaches must immediately be reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. For the most rapid response, irregularities and/or allegations should be reported to PDE via ra-ed-pssa-keystone@pa.gov. You may also report by phone at 844-418-1651; however, using the telephone may delay the response.

**After Test Administration – DAC**

Collect tests from School Assessment Coordinator(s) (ship-to-district).

Complete the Materials Accountability Form after inventorying, packaging, and returning the materials to the vendor.

**NOTE:** District Assessment Coordinators should not open or look into answer booklets or test booklets.
Record the UPS Tracking Number for each package, noting the assessment(s) for which it was used and the content of each box. Please keep the number(s) for future reference to document the materials returned to DRC.

Sign the Test Security Certification (District Assessment Coordinator).

Failure to account for and/or return assessment materials constitutes a breach in security, the consequences of which can be severe, up to and including remuneration should it be determined loss of or misappropriation of materials has compromised the integrity of test items.

2. SCHOOL ASSESSMENT COORDINATOR AND/OR BUILDING PRINCIPAL TEST SECURITY GUIDELINES

General Statement: Maintain the security and integrity of all assessment materials, prevent any dishonest or fraudulent behavior in the administration and handling of the assessment, and promote a fair and equitable testing environment in order to obtain reliable and valid student scores.

Before Test Administration – SAC

Attend the annual training for School Assessment Coordinators provided by the DAC.

Complete the PSTAT training for SACs and for TAs/Proctors annually.

Review DFA’s, the Handbook for Assessment Coordinators, Accommodations Guidelines and Online User Guides (if testing online).

Develop a building level master test schedule (including make-ups) that falls within PDE established testing windows for each administration and include it in training. Ensure that the test schedule is developed so that sections are administered in the sequence in which they are printed in the test booklets.

Develop an agenda and train Test Administrators/Proctors and other building level personnel (review the Handbook for Assessment Coordinators for more information).

Ensure that all individuals involved in the handling of assessment materials and/or the administration of the assessment receive instruction regarding test security protocols and procedures.

Ensure that all TAs/Proctors receive a copy of the TA/Proctor Test Security Certification.

Ensure that all individuals who will administer and/or proctor the assessment complete the Pennsylvania State Test Administration Training (PSTAT).

Ensure that all individuals involved in the handling and/or administration of the assessment receive instruction that all assessment materials must remain secure. This includes all assessment booklets and other materials containing secure assessment questions and student responses that must be kept secure and precisely accounted for in accordance with the procedures specified in the Handbook for Assessment Coordinators.

Ensure that all TAs/Proctors are instructed on the policy regarding electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, cameras, etc.).

Ensure that all individuals who assist in the administration of the assessment and all individuals who have access to the secure assessment materials are instructed that they are not in any manner to alter or cause the alteration of any examinee response, assessment booklet, or papers used by examinees.
Create and maintain the PAsecureID list (refer to the Handbook for Assessment Coordinators for specific instructions).

Ensure all students are scheduled for the appropriate assessment.

Ensure that students testing online have prior experience with the online practice test and tools that model the testing mode (online).

Maintain a contingency plan for breaks and for disruptions during testing.

Ensure monitoring software or spyware is disabled or removed from computers, iPads, and Chromebooks to be used for testing.

Ensure all instructional materials that could aid students in answering test items are covered or removed from classrooms and hallways.

Make sure the testing environment is secure and educationally appropriate.

Know the required accommodations for each student with an IEP or 504 Service Plan and/or for each English Learner being assessed and communicate this to the appropriate personnel.

Provide the appropriate testing environment for each student requiring an accommodation.

Inventory tests received in “ship to district.” If additional materials are needed, notify DRC. In a “ship to school” the SAC should order additional materials, if needed.

Report any shipping or ordering mistakes immediately.

Create Test Sessions in eDIRECT (if testing online).

Put labels on answer booklets (Do not open test booklets while labeling).

Place a “Testing—Do Not Disturb” sign on doors where testing is occurring.

**During Test Administration – SAC**

Develop and maintain a procedure for distribution and collection of secure test materials to Test Administrators each day utilizing a sign-out/sign-in process. It is recommended that Test Administrators count the test booklets in the presence of the SAC or his/her designee.

Ensure that Test Administrators are following proper testing protocols.

Make sure students are supervised at all times during testing and all breaks. This supervision requirement includes those students who need additional time to complete any test session.

If there is a disruption (e.g., fire alarm, power outage) ensure the safety of students at all times, and take appropriate precautions concerning the security of the test and answer booklets.

Ensure secure processes and procedures for extended time. Do not allow students to move to an extended time location without a TA and do not allow students to carry materials to an extended time session/location.

Make sure that sections/modules are started and completed in the same day.
Minimize distractions, including intercom announcements.

Ensure tests are stored in a locked area with controlled and limited access.

Report testing irregularities/security breaches immediately to the DAC. If the DAC is unavailable for an extended time or has any involvement in the testing irregularity, PDE must be contacted directly. For the most rapid response, irregularities and/or allegations should be reported to PDE via ra-ed-pssa-keystone@pa.gov. You may also report by phone at 844-418-1651; however, using the telephone may delay the response.

**After Each Testing Session – SAC**

Collect all materials from Test Administrators.

Account for all test booklets and answer booklets daily. It is recommended that Test Administrators count the test booklets in the presence of the SAC or his/her designee.

Store testing materials in a locked, secure location.

Destroy scratch/grid paper, rough drafts and any other paper on which students have written.

**After Test Administration – SAC**

Inventory and return tests to the DAC (ship-to-district) or follow pack and ship procedures to return tests to DRC (ship-to-school).

**NOTE:** School Assessment Coordinators should not open answer booklets or test booklets or review test items.

In ship-to-school LEAs, School Assessment Coordinators should record the UPS Tracking Number for each package, noting the assessment(s) for which it was used and the content of each box. Maintain the number(s) for future reference to document that the materials were returned to DRC.

Failure to account for and/or return assessment materials constitutes a breach in security, the consequences of which can be severe; up to and including remuneration should it be determined loss of or misappropriation of materials has compromised the integrity of test items.

Sign the **Test Security Certification (School Assessment Coordinator and Principal)**.

Ensure all Test Administrators, Proctors and other individuals with access to secure testing materials sign the **Test Security Certification**. If someone cannot or does not sign the **Test Security Certification**, immediately report that fact to the Department of Education. For the most rapid response, allegations should be referred to ra-ed-pssa-keystone@pa.gov or report by phone at 844-418-1651 (using the telephone report may delay the response).

### 3. **TEST ADMINISTRATOR/PROCTOR TEST SECURITY GUIDELINES**

General Statement: Maintain the security and integrity of all assessment materials, prevent any dishonest or fraudulent behavior in the administration and handling of the assessment, and promote a fair and equitable testing environment in order to obtain reliable and valid student scores.
Before Test Administration – TA/Proctor

Attend the annual training for TAs/proctors provided by the SAC.

Annually complete the PSTAT.

Review the Directions for Administration Manual for the test to be administered.

Read and understand the Test Security Certification.

Remove or cover with opaque materials all classroom instructional materials or any other materials that could aid students in answering test items.

Make sure the testing environment is secure and educationally appropriate.

Review the Code of Conduct for Test Takers with students prior to the day of testing and respond to all student questions.

Review the Calculator Policy and ensure calculators (other than calculators provided within the online testing engine) meet the requirements of the Calculator Policy.

Know and prepare to appropriately implement the required accommodations for each student with an IEP or 504 Service Plan and for each English Learner being assessed in your room.

Review with students the possible local sanctions the district will enforce for student misconduct (e.g., cheating and recording test questions).

During Test Administration – TA/Proctor

Collect cell phones, smartphones, and other unauthorized electronic devices as students enter the testing site.

Ensure students are seated for optimal security and at the assigned workstation (online test).

 Appropriately implement required accommodations.

During the administration of the mathematics assessment, collect all used scratch/grid paper and any other paper on which students have written after the non-calculator portion to ensure students have not recorded non-calculator items on scratch/grid paper.

 Actively monitor testing. Test Administrators should take positions with the best vantage points and continually move around the testing site to ensure students are adhering to the instructions given and are in the correct session. Ascertain that students are not using inappropriate item elimination strategies or making stray marks in the answer bubbles. Test Administrators/Proctors must not be engaged in off task activities such as working on electronic devices, talking with colleagues, or grading student work.

 Make sure students are supervised at all times during testing and all breaks. This supervision requirement includes those students who need additional time to complete any test session.

 If there is a disruption (e.g., fire alarm, power outage) ensure the safety of students at all times, and take appropriate precautions concerning the security of the test and answer booklets.

 Collect test materials when students are finished testing rather than keeping them closed on the students’ desks.
Students who finish early may sit quietly, read for pleasure, or read non-content related materials until all students have finished. Reading for pleasure includes magazines along with fiction text such as novels, short stories, poetry, etc. The following are not allowed: reading informational text including topics that discuss a particular skill in the areas of reading and writing. For example, students should not be reading a text that explains how to write a good essay or how to develop a text dependent analysis response. Written work/drawing/coloring of any kind is prohibited to ensure students are not recording secure test content.

Immediately report testing irregularities/security breaches to the School Assessment Coordinator/Building Principal.

**After Each Testing Session – TA/Proctor**

Return all scratch/grid paper, rough drafts or any other paper on which students have written to the School Assessment Coordinator to be destroyed.

Account for all test booklets and answer booklets daily and return all secure testing materials to the School Assessment Coordinator immediately after the testing session each day. It is recommended that Test Administrators count the test booklets in the presence of the SAC or his/her designee.

Failure to account for and/or return assessment materials constitutes a breach in security, the consequences of which can be severe, up to and including remuneration should it be determined loss of or misappropriation of materials has compromised the integrity of test items.

Clear the memory of calculators before and after each testing session.

**After Test Administration – TA/Proctor**

Sign the Test Security Certification (Test Administrator/Proctor) and return it to the SAC.

**4. GENERAL TEST SECURITY GUIDELINES**

The assessments rely on the measurement of individual achievement. Any deviation from assessment procedures is strictly prohibited and will be considered a violation of test security.

School administrators, teachers, and any other education personnel who are involved in the assessment program must maintain the security of all assessment materials at all times.

Because the assessment must remain secure, teachers/Test Administrators should not have assessment materials in their possession at any time other than during the actual assessment administration.

**Before Test Administration**

**DO NOT:**

Teach students a test-taking technique that would require them to bubble more than one response to a test question and then return and erase all but one response.

Review student test booklets except for purposes as stated in the Directions for Administration Manual and any of the accommodations guidelines documents. Knowledge or review of test items is not necessary for valid test administration and is prohibited.
Note: Interpreters may have access to test materials three days prior to test administration to prepare for accurate interpretation of the test.

Reveal any part of copyrighted materials to anyone.

Copy or otherwise reproduce any part of copyrighted materials.

Review and/or provide answers to test items to students. This includes using any of the test items for instructional purposes.

Possess unauthorized copies of state tests.

Assist in, direct, aid, counsel, encourage, or fail to report immediately any of the actions prohibited in this document.

**During Test Administration**

**DO NOT:**

Leave students unattended with testing materials or permit any student to leave the testing site with testing materials for any reason.

Permit students to have unauthorized electronic devices in their possession.

Permit students to look ahead to another section or module of the test before being instructed to do so, or allow students to look back in a test booklet once a test section or module has been completed.

Discuss, disseminate, or otherwise reveal contents of the test to anyone.

Possess secure test materials at any time other than during the actual administration of the test. Test Administrators should be given the secure materials immediately prior to the administration of the test, and the materials must be counted and collected by the SAC immediately after the testing session ends each day.

Coach or provide feedback to students (e.g., answer any questions pertaining to the content of the test, review rough drafts, or give students feedback of any kind including indicating items students may not have answered correctly). This prohibition applies to, but is not limited to, Personal Care Aides (PCA), Therapeutic Support Staff (TSS), or any other one-on-one aide who is assigned to a student.

Define or clarify a word in a test item.

Deviate from any of the read-aloud rules for any portion of the assessments. (The *Pennsylvania Read-Aloud and Scribing Guidelines for Operational Assessments* can be found on the PDE website.)

Read aloud any part of the assessments that will cue the correct answer(s) or provide a hint for the test taker.

Return a test booklet to any student after it has been turned in to the Test Administrator, unless approval is granted by PDE. Test booklets will be returned to students for makeup sessions for absences and for students who go to another testing site for extended time.

Alter, influence, or interfere with a test response in any way; fill in any unanswered item, or instruct the student to do so.

Assist in, direct, aid, counsel, encourage, or fail to report any of the actions prohibited in this document.

Play music while students are taking the test.
After Test Administration

DO NOT:

Discuss, disseminate, or otherwise reveal the contents of the test to anyone.

Keep/save, copy, reproduce, or use any test, test item, specific test content, or examinee responses to any item or any section of a secure test in any manner inconsistent with the instructions provided by and through the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This includes using any of the test items for instructional purposes.

Review student responses in the answer booklet.

Read or review test booklets or answer booklets containing the test items.

Alter, influence, or interfere with a test response in any way, fill in any unanswered items, or instruct the student to do so.

Discuss or provide feedback regarding test items.

Copy or reproduce any portion of the secure test materials or prepare/provide answer keys.

Erase or change student answers.

Make false or misleading statements about assessment results, including inappropriate interpretations, inaccurate reports, or unsubstantiated claims.

Erase stray marks or darken bubbles or make any alteration to a student’s test.

Assist in, direct, aid, counsel, encourage, or fail to report any of the actions prohibited in this document.

DO:

Immediately report testing irregularities/security breaches. TAs/Proctors should report to the School Assessment Coordinator/Building Principal; SACs should report directly to the DAC. In either case if the appropriate coordinator, whether SAC or DAC, is unavailable for an extended time or has any involvement in the testing irregularity, contact PDE directly. For the most rapid response, irregularities and/or allegations should be reported to PDE ra-ed-pssa-keystone@pa.gov. You may also report by phone at 844-418-1651; however, using the telephone may delay the response.

Sign the Test Security Certification (General).
Appendix B:

PSSA Test Security Certification

(Test Administrator and Proctor)
2018 PSSA Test Security Certification 
(Test Administrator and Proctor)

District: ____________________________
School: _____________________________
AUN: _____________________________

Maintaining the security and integrity of all assessment materials, preventing any dishonest or fraudulent behavior in the administration and handling of the assessment, and promoting a fair and equitable testing environment are essential in order to obtain reliable and valid student scores. In that regard, I certify the following:

Prior to the administration of the assessment, I completed the Pennsylvania State Test Administration Training, and I understand that the assessment materials are secure, confidential, and proprietary documents owned by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. I have not reviewed, discussed, disseminated, described, or otherwise revealed the contents of the assessment to anyone. I have not removed any assessment materials from the school building unless I was specifically authorized to administer the assessment to a student on homebound instruction. I have not kept, copied, reproduced, released, or used any assessment, assessment question, specific assessment content, or examinee response to any item or any section of the secure assessment in any manner that is inconsistent with the instructions provided by or through the Pennsylvania Department of Education. I have not provided any examinee with an answer to an assessment question or in any way influenced an examinee's response to any assessment question. I have not in any manner altered or caused the alteration of any examinee response, assessment booklet, or papers used by examinees.

I understand that any breach in assessment security could result in the invalidation of assessment results, professional discipline, and/or criminal prosecution.

I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904.

Administrator/Proctor Name ____________________________ Administrator/Proctor Signature ____________________________ Date of Signature ____________________________
Appendix C:

Code of Conduct for Test Takers—

Spanish Translation
CÓDIGO DE CONDUCTA PARA LOS EXAMINADOS

DEBES…

- Escuchar, leer y seguir todas las instrucciones que te den.
- Hacer preguntas si no entiendes las instrucciones.
- Leer cada pregunta con cuidado, especialmente las de opción múltiple donde te piden que escojas “la mejor respuesta”. Lee también las preguntas abiertas y las indicaciones de escritura cuidadosamente antes de contestar.
- Tener cuidado al marcar tus respuestas para que no te saltes espacios ni llenes secciones equivocadas.
- Asegurarte de llenar completamente el círculo correspondiente a la(s) respuesta(s) que escogiste, y borrar completamente cualquier respuesta que quieras cambiar.
- Mantener la vista en tu propia prueba.
- Tratar de contestar cada una de las preguntas.
- Verificar que hayas contestado todas las preguntas de la sección de la prueba antes de cerrar tu folleto de prueba o de enviar tus respuestas finales por internet.
- Reportar a quien sospeches que está haciendo trampa, ya sea a tu maestro o al director de la escuela.

NO DEBES…

- Tener apuntes en tu posesión durante la prueba.
- Tener aparatos electrónicos no autorizados (p.ej., teléfono celular, teléfono inteligente, reloj inteligente, etc.) en tu posesión durante la prueba. Toma en cuenta que puedes tener una calculadora autorizada, si es que se aplica, durante la prueba.
- Compartir la calculadora con los demás.
- Usar los círculos del folleto de respuestas para eliminar respuestas posiblemente incorrectas o posiblemente correctas. Marca solamente el círculo de la(s) respuesta(s) correcta(s) que hayas escogido.
- Hablar con los demás sobre las preguntas de la prueba, ya sea durante o después de la prueba. (Debe garantizarse a los estudiantes que ellos pueden hablar con sus padres o tutores sobre el proceso de evaluación o algo que les preocupe).
- Tomar notas acerca de la prueba para compartirlas con otros estudiantes.
- Salir de una sesión de prueba en línea antes de que se termine o antes de que te indiquen que lo hagas.
- Usar las redes sociales para publicar información acerca de la prueba y/o preguntas de la prueba.
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TEST TAKERS

DO...

- Listen to, read, and follow all directions given.
- Ask questions if you do not understand the directions.
- Read each question carefully, especially multiple-choice items that ask for the “best answer.” Also, be sure to read any open-ended items and writing prompts carefully before responding.
- Be careful when marking your answers so that you do not skip spaces or fill in the wrong sections.
- Make sure to completely fill in the bubble for the answer(s) you select and erase completely any answers you change.
- Keep your eyes on your own test.
- Try to answer each test item.
- Check that you have completed all the test items in the test section before closing your test booklet or submitting your final responses online.
- Report any suspected cheating to your teacher or principal.

DO NOT...

- Have notes in your possession during the test.
- Have any unapproved electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, etc.) in your possession during the test. Note, you may have approved calculators, if applicable, during the test.
- Share a calculator with others.
- Use the bubbles in the answer booklet to either eliminate possible incorrect answers or possible correct answers by making marks in multiple bubbles and erasing. Mark only the bubble for the correct answer(s) you have chosen.
- Talk with others about questions on the test during or after the test. (Students should be assured that they may discuss the testing process or issues of concern with their parents/guardians.)
- Take notes about the test to share with others.
- Leave an online test session until the session is complete or until instructed to do so.
- Use social media to post information about the test and/or test items.