



## Carlynton School District

*Carnegie Rosslyn Farms Crafton*

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Dear Parent /Guardian,

In Accordance with Pennsylvania Code, Title 22, Chapter 4, Section 4.4, the Carlynton School District shall grant requests by parents or guardians to review the state assessments two (2) weeks prior to the administration of the tests and during regular district office hours. The assessment must be reviewed in the district administrative offices and an administrator must be present at all times. Prior to the review of the assessment, the parent or guardian must sign a Parent/Guardian Confidentiality Agreement to ensure that the confidentiality and security of the exams are maintained.

After the review of the exams, parents may request that their children be exempt from having to take the test based upon their religious beliefs. The Carlynton School District shall grant parents/guardians the right to have their child excused from the state assessments. This exemption may be granted if, upon inspection of the test materials, the assessment is determined to be in conflict with one's religious beliefs. A conflict with one's religious belief is the only basis for a parent or guardian to excuse his or her child from the statewide assessments. The parent/guardian must provide a written request that states the objection to the superintendent within twenty-four (24) hours of such review. The superintendent will review all requests for consideration for exemption. In the event that the exemption is granted and the student does not participate in the Keystone Exams, the student will be required to review their Graduation Pathway with their School Counselor as the Pathway 1 and Pathway 2 of the Commonwealth's Graduation Requirements will no longer be an option.

Testing windows for the 2022-2023 school year are as follows:

Winter Keystone Exams: December 5 – 16, 2022

Spring Keystone Exams: May 15 - 26, 2023

Summer Keystone Exams: July 24 - 28, 2023

PSSA English Language Arts: April 24 - 28, 2023

PSSA Mathematics: May 1 - 12, 2023

PSSA Science: May 1 - 12, 2023

If you would like to schedule an appointment to review the exam materials for the purpose of this exemption, please call Dr. Edward Mantich at 412-429-2500 Ext. 1130.

Yours in education,

Edward P. Mantich, Ed.D.

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment