

PSSA Math Assessment 2015

➤ 2015 PSSA Changes

Math 2015

Five Reporting Categories per Grade

➤ **A = Numbers and Operations**

A-T = Base Ten (Gr 3-5)

A-F = **Math 2015**

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Grade

Fractions (Gr 3-5)

A-N = Number System (Gr 6-8)

A-R = Ratios and Proportional
Relationships (Gr 6-7)

➤ **B = Algebraic Concepts**

– **B-O** = Operations and Algebraic
Thinking (Gr 3-5)

– **B-E** = Expressions and Equations
(Gr 6-8)

– **B-F** = Functions (Gr 8)

➤ **C = Geometry**

– **C-G** = Geometry (Gr 3-8)

➤ **D = Data Analysis and Probability**

– **D-M** = Measurement and Data (Gr 3-5)

– **D-S** = Statistics and Probability (Gr 6-8)

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Item Types and Points

All grades:

60 core MC items	60 points
3 core 4pt OE items	12 points
Total	72 points

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Mathematics Operational Section Layout Plan for Grades 3 through 8

Section	Content Emphasis	Number of MC	Number of OE	Estimated Section Testing Time (in minutes)
1	Mathematics	24	2	56
2	Mathematics	24	1	46
3	Mathematics	24	1	46

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- All items may cross Eligible Content, Descriptors, Anchors and Reporting Categories.
- All items align to the Anchor.
- Reminder:

Have students read all items, especially the OE items, carefully and answer **exactly** what is being asked.

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- Open-Ended items scored on a 0-4 scale
- Item-specific scoring guidelines
- Formula sheets will be provided for grades 4 through 8
- Rulers and protractors will be provided where needed (grades 3 and 4 respectively). Students must use the rulers and protractors provided for the PSSA.
- Rulers will be used in grade 3 only and will be scaled to the $\frac{1}{8}$ inch and millimeter. Students will be required to measure to the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and centimeter.
- Protractors will be used at grade 4 only.