



## **PDE's Information on Home Education (Homeschool) Students and Testing:**

If the parent/guardian of a home-schooled student requests that the student take the PSSA, the school district must allow the student to take the assessment at the school building the home-schooled student would normally attend or at another central location agreed to by the school district and the parent/guardian. Parents/guardians of home-schooled students who plan to request that the student take the PSSA with accommodations or the PASA are subject to the same procedures and timelines as public school students. According to law, it could take several months for the determination to be made that a student is eligible for administration of the PSSA with accommodations or the administration of the PASA. Information about home education in Pennsylvania, including the Pennsylvania law on home education and related statutes, regulations, frequently asked questions (and answers), and a list of home education organizations serving Pennsylvania families, is available on PDE's website at [www.education.pa.gov](http://www.education.pa.gov) (keyword search "home education").

Note: Home-schooled students without PAsecureIDs are required to take the paper/pencil assessment. A District/ School Label must be affixed to the used answer booklet in order for the booklet to be scored. Home-schooled students with PAsecureIDs can be added to a school's online test session in eDIRECT to access the online assessments. For full-time home education students, "student is home-schooled and assessed at parental request" must be bubbled on the student's answer booklet (Item 4-option 6 on page 2 of the answer booklet) or selected in eDIRECT ('Student Management' > 'Manage Students'). This information is not collected from PIMS.

Reference:

<http://www.education.pa.gov/Documents/K-12/Assessment%20and%20Accountability/PSSA/PSSA%20Handbook%20for%20Assessment%20Coordinators.pdf>