

PARENTAL/PUBLIC RIGHTS

Parents and the public have the right to review PSSA assessment instruments and data reports. Intermediate students take the PSSA assessments (reading & math – grades 3-6, and science – grade 4 only) in the spring. Parents have the right to opt their child out of PSSA testing by submitting a written request to the school. School district report cards are posted on the Pennsylvania Department of Education website at www.pde.state.pa.us and on www.redbankvalley.net (district webpage).

Other elementary assessments administered to students during the year include DIBELS Next assessments in reading for all students K-2 and Star 360 at the intermediate level. Second grade students take the Otis Lennon Student Achievement Test (OLSAT) in the spring.

Parents of students in the Redbank Valley School District have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers and paraprofessionals who instruct their children. Federal law allows parents to ask for the following information about each of their child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the Pennsylvania Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he/she teaches
- Whether the Pennsylvania Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advance degree and, if so, the subject of the degrees
- Whether any teacher's aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services and, if they do, their qualifications

Parents will be provided notification if their child is taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.

Parents who would like to receive any of this information may contact the district office or Superintendent, at (814) 275-2426.