

Our Opinions of PSSAs

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The PSSA are a test that children will take. The first grade you start PSSAs are in 3rd grade. This test is a test all children must take, unless it is against their religion, but you must have parent permission. The PSSAs are made by the state of PA; it is a law to take them. We know we can't change it, but we still have our opinions on them. Aliyah has chosen that there should be PSSAs and Sasha has chosen there should not be PSSAs. Here's their reason why they have chosen their sides.

YES

We should have PSSAs because they help us with basic knowledge, they expand our brain, and they prepare us for PSSAs in middle school.

My first reason we should take the PSSA's is because they help you with basic knowledge. My first reason why PSSAs help you with basic knowledge, is that the PSSA's do a section of reading, math, and more. These are basic facts you must know to succeed in life. This why the PSSAs help you with basic knowledge.

My second reason is they expand your brain. The PSSAs help/allow you to think brighter, the questions aren't easy or simple like they are on benchmark test, they're harder more advanced questions that make you think bigger, harder. This is how the PSSAs help you expand your brain.

My last reason of why there should be PSSAs, they prepare you for the PSSAs you'll take in middle school. The PSSAs are like the PSSAs here, but in middle school, but they're definitely more advanced! I know about the PSSAs in middle school because one of my siblings is in middle school. I can tell you that the PSSAs in middle school are like the PSSAs in elementary school in some way.

Here is question I'm going to leave YOU to think about. Are the PSSAs here to prepare you for the PSSAs in middle school? These are my reasons why there should be no PSSAs.

NO

We should **not** have PSSAs. I think they are stressful, they do not teach us anything, and they do not help our grades.

One reason we should not have PSSAs is they are stressful. They are stressful because these tests put a lot of pressure on kids. (If you are taking the PSSAs, don't worry.)

Another reason that we should not have PSSAs is they do not teach us anything. One teacher said that, "Our benchmarks are harder than our PSSAs." We don't do or learn anything new in them.

My last reason is they do not help our grades. PSSAs are just to show what you know. They don't even go on your report cards!

These are the reasons why we should not have PSSAs.

Now that you have heard our opinions, do you think we should have PSSAs?