

## Did You Know?

### Item & Scoring Samplers, Accommodations Guidelines

[2018 English Language Arts Item and Scoring Sampler Grade 3](#) (PDF)  
[2018 English Language Arts Item and Scoring Sampler Grade 4](#) (PDF)  
[2018 English Language Arts Item and Scoring Sampler Grade 5](#) (PDF)  
[2018 English Language Arts Item and Scoring Sampler Grade 6](#) (PDF)  
[2018 English Language Arts Item and Scoring Sampler Grade 7](#) (PDF)  
[2018 English Language Arts Item and Scoring Sampler Grade 8](#) (PDF)  
[Item and Scoring Sampler - Literature - 2018](#) (PDF)

The Item and Scoring Samplers are a useful tool for Pennsylvania educators in preparing local instructional programs by providing samples of test item types and scored student responses. The Item Samplers are not designed to be used as a pretest, a curriculum, or other benchmark for operational testing.

### ACCOMMODATIONS FOR KEYSTONE EXAMS AND PSSA 2019

[2019 Accommodations for Keystone and PSSA](#) (PowerPoint)  
[Guidelines for Selection and Use of Accommodations for Keystone Exams and PSSA Tests Webinar](#) (YouTube)  
[2019 Accommodations Guidelines](#) (PDF)  
[2019 Accommodations Guidelines for ELs](#) (PDF)  
[2019 Unique Accommodation Form](#) (PDF)  
[2019 Confidentiality Agreement for Language Interpreters/Sight Translators and Educational Sign Language Interpreters Form](#) (PDF)  
[2019 PSSA Scribing Accommodations Form](#) (PDF)  
[2019 Read Aloud and Scribing Guidelines](#) (PDF)

## Professional Opportunity

### 2018 - 2019 Keystone State Literacy Association Book Award Program PRESCHOOL—PRIMARY—INTERMEDIATE--MIDDLE SCHOOL--HIGH SCHOOL

The Keystone State Literacy Association Book Award program encourages reading of a variety of high-quality trade books. In order for students to participate in selecting the award winners, teachers must follow guidelines outlined on the intent to participate form located at the following link:  
<http://ksrapa.org/awards-of-recognition/awards-for-students/>. Consider getting involved in this worthwhile program for Pennsylvania students.



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Our monthly ELA Assessment eBlast will focus on providing the following: insight around standardized assessment, professional learning for ELA classroom instruction and assessment, professional opportunities, and a question/answer section.

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### LEARNING STANDARDS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD -- INFANT/TODDLER PRE-KINDERGARTEN KINDERGARTEN GRADE 1 AND GRADE 2

Pennsylvania's Learning Standards for Early Childhood are research-based according to age and development, and form the foundation for curriculum, assessment, instruction and intervention within early care and education programs.

[Early Learning Standards](#)