



PA School Performance Profile: NAZARETH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has recently released the Pennsylvania School Performance Profile. This public site (<http://www.paschoolperformance.org>) provides an academic performance score for public schools in the state. This performance score is designed with several purposes in mind:

- to inform the public of school performance
- to provide a building level score for educators as part of their evaluation system
- to give schools a methodology to analyze their strengths and needs
- to be a part of an Educator's overall evaluation as part of **Act 82 2012**
- to replace the No Child Left Behind system of accountability

While public schools across the state have previously received designations under No Child Left Behind (e.g., Made Adequate Yearly Progress, Making Progress, Warning, School Improvement, Corrective Action), schools will now receive an academic performance score based upon many data points. Test scores, progress in closing achievement gaps, and degree of student growth over time are factored into the scoring while other identifiers of high achieving schools are also considered: graduation, promotion, and attendance rates as well as evidence of offering rigorous courses factor into the calculation. Schools may also earn extra points beyond the 100 point scoring system for those students who have earned advanced scores on the state, industry, and Advanced Placement Exams.

Administrators and staff in our district have begun to review the data and calculations. An informational session on School Performance Profile and Keystone Exams is being held on **October 30, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Nazareth Area High School Auditorium.**

Below is an overview of our District's School Performance Profile results and successes:

Overview of the School Performance Profile Results

School	School Performance Profile Score
Bushkill Elementary School	90.4
Lower Nazareth Elementary School	89.4
Shafer Elementary School	87.8
Nazareth Area Intermediate School	89.6 - Reward School (High Progress)
Nazareth Area Middle School	95.4
Nazareth Area High School	78.8

Highlights of Successes

K-3 Buildings

- Received extra credit points for the number of students scoring advanced on the Mathematics and Reading PSSA.
- Received highest rating for the number of students meeting proficiency on the Mathematics PSSA.

Nazareth Area Intermediate School

- Received a REWARD Designation for Title I – NAIS is in the top 5% in the State for student growth.
- Received highest rating in all 3 measured content areas (Reading, Math, and Science) for student growth.

Nazareth Area Middle School

- Received highest rating in all 3 measured content areas (Reading, Math, and Science) for student growth.
- Received highest rating for the number of students meeting proficiency on the Mathematics PSSA.

Nazareth Area High School

- Highest rating for the percent of the grade 12 cohort earning a total score of 1550 or higher and/or scoring 22 or higher on the ACT. Both measures are strong indicators of success in college.
- Received extra credit points for number of students scoring a 3 or higher on AP Exams and the number of students scoring advanced on Keystones in all 3 measured content areas (Algebra I, Biology, and Literature).

Access to the School Performance Portal is also available using the following link:

<http://paschoolperformance.org/>