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Schools' test scores beat state averages, similar districts

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BACK MOUNTAIN - Results from the Pennsylvania State School Assessment (PSSA) tests are in and both Lake-Lehman and Dallas school districts say they fare well alongside the state average. The PSSA is used by the districts to determine if and how they need to change their curriculum.

Only fifth, eighth and 11th graders are tested. Every two years sixth graders take a writing test to determine written skills. Dallas sixth graders took the writing test this year.

Bob Rogers, pupil personnel department head, said that Lake-Lehman is happy with the results, but is always looking to improve. "We always like to improve. We never rest on one set of scores," said Rogers.

The results are taken seriously and used in curriculum planning, he said. "They don't just get set on a shelf. We are always working on improving the curriculum. We look for trends."

Rogers said individual departments look at the breakdown of subtext scores and look for any consistencies or inconsistencies.

The test takes a total of four days to complete and is very involved, said Rogers. "It's an extensive test. There is more writing going into the tests," he said.

Michael Speziale, assistant superintendent at Dallas, said he is never completely satisfied with test scores. "I think the scores are reflective that we are doing better than the state average. I'm pleased overall, but there is always room for improvement," he said.

Speziale said Dallas has a strategic plan to achieve success. "We repeatedly look at technology and curriculum and the district continuously looks at itself," he said. Speziale believes the dynamic staff, faculty and administration at Dallas is the reason the students are doing well.

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1996 PSSA Scores

	Math	Score Band	Reading	Score Band
LAKE-LEHMAN				
Lehman-Jackson	1340	1310-1370	1360	1320-1400
Lake-Noxen	1350	1290-1350	1350	1300-1350
8th grade	1260	1270-1330	1310	1290-1340
11th grade	1340	1260-1320	1440	1290-1360
DALLAS	Math	Score Band	Reading	Score Band
Westmoreland	1340	1310-1390	1420	1330-1390
Dallas	1370	1370-1410	1400	1360-1420
8th grade	1360	1330-1390	1350	1340-1370
11th grade	1340	1320-1380	1350	1290-1340

Score band shows the score range of 20 similar schools nearest to a district's score. State avg. is 1300 in all cases.

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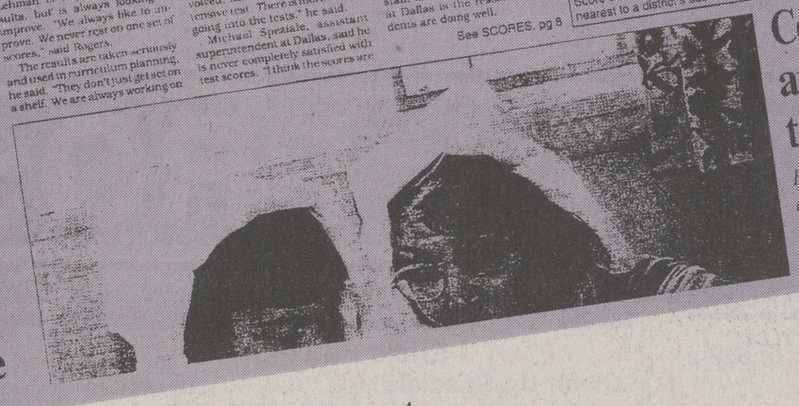

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Area schools' test results on way up

■ *The annual tests measure math, reading and writing skills of fifth-, eighth- and 11th-grade students.*

By JEAN LACOE
Times Leader Staff Writer

Up to one-third of area schools' 1996-97 state assessment test scores fell below the state average.

But administrators say the results were better than the previous year's because of revamped curriculums.

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"The test is forcing us — and I'm not saying this is a good or bad thing — ... to teach the skills the test measures, if indeed we are going to be judged by the results of this test," said Jeff Namey, superintendent of Wilkes-Barre Area School District.

The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment test results were recently released to the media. The state-mandated tests are given to fifth-, eighth- and 11th-graders to assess their

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Dallas Middle School second period honor roll

Mr. Anthony B. Martinelli, Principal, Dallas Middle School, announces the Honor Roll for the second marking period. Honors with Distinction - 3.8 to 4.0; First Honors - 3.3 to 3.79; Second Honors - 2.8 to 3.29, no D's or F's.

6th Grade: Honors with Distinction: Whitney Adams, Amanda Alles, Dustin Bednarz, Joseph Bednash, Beth Gammage, Timothy Keresties, Ashleigh King, Meredith Lacey, Lauren Noreika, Jeffrey Pace, Andrew Schweitzer.

First Honors: Amy Allbless, Morgan Anderson, Samuel Brown, Frank Buzin, Mallory Carey, Sean Carter, Christine Chamberlain, Edward Coombs, Alyssa Daniels, Kevin Domzalski, Jennifer Drury, Jessica Duddy, Caitlin Dukas, Heather Feenaughty, Matthew Fritz, Salah Dean Ghoweri, Andrew Gialanella, Sydney Guelich, Jacqueline Hardwick, Janell Hetro, Corey Hine, Michael Hiscox, Nicole Jayne, Alex Kensgaard, Calla Klaiss, Jennifer Konopki, Vincent Landers, Alex Manorek, Ryan Mark, Sylena Marmo, John McGeehan, Danielle Mikolosko, Elijah Miller, Jonathan Miller, Philip Miller, Guthrie Mitchell, Matthew Moser, Kaitlyn Jonathan Mancke, Stephanie Matley, Krystle Matthews, Paul McCue, Cassie Mishanski, Jonathan Morgan, Robert Murphy, Lauren Nafus, Jonathan Nutche, Samantha Oschman, Amy Pack, Hannah Perry, Daniel Piccillo, Amanda Pituch, Rachael Pugh, Laura Raczkowski, Ashley Razawich, Matthew Reschauer, Matthew Rondina, Devon Rother, Jeffrey Rothstein, Elisabeth Samanas, Annie Savage, Francis Shovlin, Jaime Sickler, Daniel Smith, Ryan Smith, Amanda Socash, Kevin Spangenberg, Charles Stajewski, Laura Stark, Jamie Sulewski, Erin Swepston, Ashley Toman, Daniel Ungvarsky, Peter VanLoon, Rae Walter, Christy Williams, Niki Winters, Mary Yanik, Michael Yenason, Christopher Young, Michael Yurchak, Peter Yurchision, Jennifer Zinn.

Second Honors: Jason Alfano, Kevin Arnaud, Jonathon Barbose, John Beberus, Jared Besecker, Nicole Bostock, Todd Buckley, Justin Coggin, Amanda Coolbaugh, Kelly Delaney, Brian Dempsey, Jeffrey Dickson, Paul Douglas, Daniel Evans, Paul Fiske, Bradley Kevin Gula, Amanda Hayes, Bradley Hubbard, Sean Jones, Tyler Karalunas, Daniel Katyl, Erin Kotchik, Michele Kuchemba, William Lewis,

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First Honors: Stacia Amico, Jennifer Arthur, Susan Banks, Caitlin Bessmer, Katherine Blanchard, Jamie Bozentka, Joshua Brakefield, Katje Brown, Kelly Brzozowski, Joseph Bullock, Krista Carpenter, Amanda Coleman, Lacey Cooper, Jonelle Dickson, Samantha Dymond, Michael English, Michael Fehlinger, John Gilligan, David Gilcini, Ryan Gryskevicz, Autumn Guzzy, Daniel Haddle, Kelli Harvey, Joshua Heffers, Shelby Hoover, Lindsay Jenkins, Jessica Karasek, Curtis Keiper, Rachel Kukosky, Kelly Lenahan, Joel Lesinski, Joseph Liparella, Steven Losh, Jonathan Mancke, Stephanie Matley, Krystle Matthews, Paul McCue, Cassie Mishanski, Jonathan Morgan, Robert Murphy, Lauren Nafus, Jonathan Nutche, Samantha Oschman, Amy Pack, Hannah Perry, Daniel Piccillo, Amanda Pituch, Rachael Pugh, Laura Raczkowski, Ashley Razawich, Matthew Reschauer, Matthew Rondina, Devon Rother, Jeffrey Rothstein, Elisabeth Samanas, Annie Savage, Francis Shovlin, Jaime Sickler, Daniel Smith, Ryan Smith, Amanda Socash, Kevin Spangenberg, Charles Stajewski, Laura Stark, Jamie Sulewski, Erin Swepston, Ashley Toman, Daniel Ungvarsky, Peter VanLoon, Rae Walter, Christy Williams, Niki Winters, Mary Yanik, Michael Yenason, Christopher Young, Michael Yurchak, Peter Yurchision, Jennifer Zinn.

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Andrew Dale, Kristen DeBarry, Michael Dombroski, Amanda Donahue, Steven Duda, Dennis Ellis, Jeffrey Emanuel, Charles Everhart, Jeffrey Glatz, Kristin Harvey, Jamie Hoover, Todd Jones.

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