



About PA Firefly

The *Pennsylvania Firefly Student Progress Indicators* (PA Firefly) are new, free, high-quality benchmark assessments that are designed for Pennsylvania, aligned to Pennsylvania standards, and created to measure the same knowledge and skills as the PSSA and Keystone Exams. PA Firefly is a fully online, computer-adaptive assessment designed to be administered as a single-session test using the same platform as the summative assessments. PA Firefly will be available for ELA grades 3–8, Mathematics grades 3–8, Algebra I, and Literature during the 2024–2025 pilot.

Key Dates for 2024-2025

Access to PA Firefly in DRC INSIGHT Portal Available PA	October 31, 2024
Firefly Test Setup Available	November 4, 2024
First Day of PA Firefly Testing	November 18, 2024
Last Day of PA Firefly Testing	April 18, 2025

Participation Process

Step One

Superintendents and/or District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) should log into the DRC INSIGHT Portal and confirm they can access the 2024-2025 PA Firefly administration between October 31, 2024 and November 4, 2024. DACs who do not have access to Firefly or who do not have a user account for the DRC INSIGHT Portal (<https://pa.drccdirect.com>) must contact PA Customer Service at DRC to have access granted.

Step Two

DACs should create or update user accounts for other district and school personnel, usually School Assessment Coordinators (SACs), who will need to access the PA Firefly administration in the DRC INSIGHT Portal. Refer to the *DRC INSIGHT Portal User Guide* using the link above for instructions on how to create new user accounts or update existing user accounts.

Note: When new accounts are created, users will receive a system-generated email informing them of the account details and how to access their DRC INSIGHT Portal account. If the user already has an account and the account was updated, new test administrations will appear in the drop-down the next time they login.



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Step Three

DACs, SACs and Technology Coordinators responsible for managing the administration of the PA Firefly assessments will access the appropriate support documentation from the DRC INSIGHT Portal.



By clicking on the Documents tab from the General Information dropdown and selecting the PA Firefly administration, DACs, SACs and Technology Coordinators can access and review the *2024 Technology Training* and the *DRC INSIGHT Portal User Guide*. Technology coordinators who need to download and deploy the DRC INSIGHT test engine software should access the Technology User Guide. Administration training resources for PA Firefly can be found on the PSA Assessments website: <https://sites.google.com/datarecognitioncorp.com/psa-assessments/home>.

Step Four

After reviewing the support materials, DACs, SACs, and Technology Coordinators will coordinate the installation of the DRC INSIGHT software in all schools that plan on administering the PA Firefly assessments. The links to download the testing software will be available to district staff in the DRC INSIGHT Portal.

Note: This step is not necessary if the testing devices already have the DRC INSIGHT software installed for PSSA, Keystone, or CDT testing.

Step Five

DACs should ensure that all SACs have access to the appropriate PA Firefly support materials from the DRC INSIGHT Portal and the PSA Assessments website.

Step Six

When the Test Setup window opens, DACs or SACs will create test sessions for the students who will take the PA Firefly assessments.

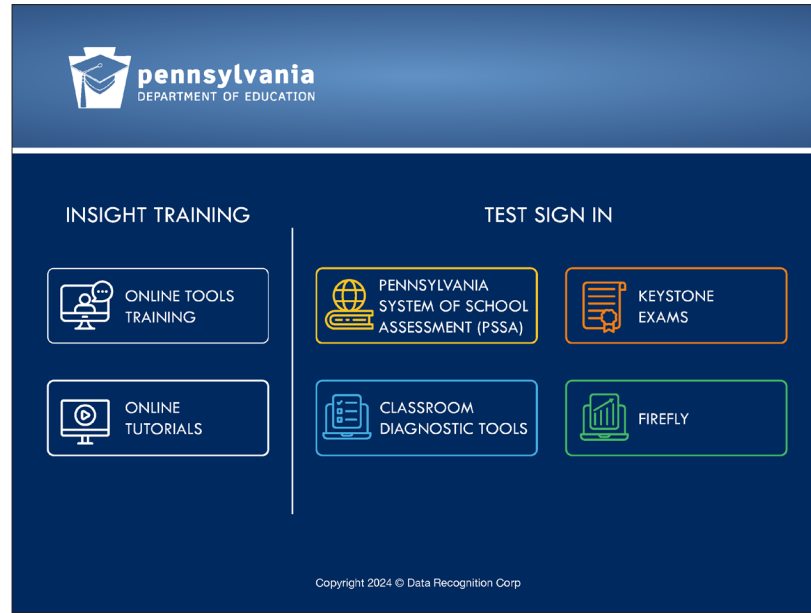
Note: Students must be uploaded to the DRC INSIGHT Portal for the PA Firefly administration to create test sessions. Refer to the *DRC INSIGHT Portal User Guide* for instructions on how to upload students and create test sessions.

This step allows DACs or SACs to generate test tickets and allows students to take the test. DACs and SACs can create test sessions for groups of students as they wish, and can schedule test sessions for any time during the Firefly pilot window, 11/18/24-4/18/25.



Step Seven

Test Administrators administer the PA Firefly assessments to students.



Step Eight

DACs or SACs who have been given the appropriate permissions in the DRC Insight Portal access the Individual Student Reports and roster reports from the DRC INSIGHT Portal.

Step Nine

Teachers use the results to provide enrichment or remediation activities inside the classroom.

Step Ten

To track instructional impact with updated student results, schools may repeat steps Six through Nine throughout the test window.

Note: Students may complete the PA Firefly assessment three times per year.