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MAHS Assessment Tools Awarded Highest Rating, Only 18 Districts Statewide Receive Department of Education Honors

Moon Area High School's district-created assessment tools have received a notation achieved by only 17 other school districts across Pennsylvania.

Of the 418 school-level drafted tools, regulations and tests evaluated, which determine graduation eligibility of students who do not pass the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) exams – a graduation requirement, the state Department of Education found that only 4 percent offered a local assessment worthy of the highest rating.

Moon Area's assessment tools created, administered and monitored by a group of administrators, teachers and guidance counselors ensure that all graduates leave high school with proficient mathematics and reading abilities as required by the state Board of Education.

Earlier this school year, state Department of Education officials requested samples of procedures and materials pertaining to school districts' assessments, which are utilized as an alternative to students not being proficient on the PSSA exams. The Penn State University Research Team - eight panels of public school educators, evaluated the assessments.