

PVAAS

Annually all public school districts across the Commonwealth receive value-added reporting through the Pennsylvania Value-Added Assessment System (PVAAS). PVAAS is a statistical analysis of PSSA assessment data and provides districts and schools with progress data to add to achievement data to ensure we are meeting the academic needs of students in Reading, Mathematics, Science and Writing. PVAAS projections, provided at the student level, are available for students currently enrolled in grades 4 through 11 in Reading, Mathematics, Science and Writing.

To help you understand PVAAS analysis, think about academic progress in terms of a child's physical growth and the growth charts utilized by a child's physician. Growth charts are an important tool for monitoring a child's development, but they are *just one* of the indicators used by the physician to ensure a child is growing at the minimum expected level and is on the trajectory to grow as expected. A physician would *not* use a growth chart in isolation to diagnose a child; however, the growth chart would provide valuable information that may warrant further exploration. The PVAAS projections provide valuable information about a student's path to performance on a future PSSA.

Pennsylvania's public districts and schools are using PVAAS data, in conjunction with achievement data, to make certain all students are on the trajectory to proficiency. Utilizing all the data available (both progress and achievement), schools are able to make better data-informed instructional decisions to ensure the academic growth and achievement of all our students.