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NJ State Testing Parental Notification of Planned Statewide Assessment 2021-2022

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6, school districts are required to provide notification to parents and guardians regarding information on any state assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered in the school district during the current school year. It is important to note that all students may not be administered all assessments.

Specifically, we are required to share the following:

- The subject area of the assessment and grade levels covered by the assessment;
- The date or range of potential dates for the administration of the assessment;
- The time allotted for the student to take and complete the assessment;
- Any accommodations or accessibility options available to students;
- Information on how and when the student and his/her parent or guardian can access both sample questions and answers to the assessment and the student's results; and
- Whether the assessment is required by the State or federal government, or both.

In response to the above requirements, listed below is the template calendar that meets all the criteria of planned assessments that our district will be implementing over the next few months. Please note that the district offers a full range of testing accommodations and accessibility options as required by law. If you have any questions regarding this information or regarding your child's graduation requirements, please contact your child's case manager or guidance counselor.

Upon the start of the 2021-2022 school year, testing dates and information has been initially scheduled as noted.

Assessment Name	Subject Area	Grade Level Tested	Testing Window
NJSLA ELA/Math Regular Spring Administration	ELA and Math	ELA Grade 9 FY ELA and Math Grades 3-8	4/25/22 to 6/3/22
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) English Language Arts (ELA)/ Mathematics High School Spring Block	ELA and Math	ELA, and Math Grades 9 Algebra I	5/2/22 to 6/10/22
NJSLA ELA/Math High School Summer	ELA and Math	ELA, and Math Grades 9 Algebra I	7/25/22 to 8/5/22
NJSLA Science Administration	Science	Grade 5, 8, 11	4/25/22 to 6/3/22
ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	English language proficiency test	K-12	2/14/22 to 4/8/22

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessments for English Language Arts/Literacy (NJSLA-ELA) and for Mathematics (NJSLA-M) measures the extent to which students are, or on track to being college or career ready in each of the two respective areas. The test in English Language Arts/Literacy assesses student proficiency in reading and comprehending a range of grade appropriate material independently. It also provides a measure of how effectively a student writes when using and/or analyzing sources. The test in Mathematics measures student competencies in the major and additional/supporting content in mathematics for grade or course, as well as student grade-appropriate mathematical reasoning and modeling skills.

Additional information for the assessments in the above areas can be found on the Office of Assessments website: <https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/>

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science (NJSLA-S) replaces the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK) for Science and the New Jersey Biology Competency Test (NJBCT). This new assessment measures student proficiency in science according to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. These standards require schools to teach students to use science and engineering practices, to make sense of phenomena, and to design solutions to problems. The NJSLA-S uses the same familiar testing platform that NJSLA-ELA and NJSLA-M uses.

Common Questions:

How long is the test? Each unit is 90 minutes in length. You must remain in the testing room during the entire duration of the assessment.

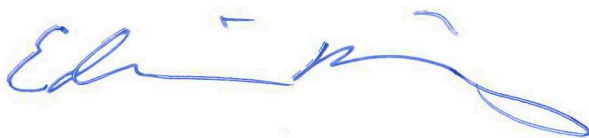
What can I do to prepare? Relax and have a good breakfast. When testing, read each question fully and answer every question. Remember, on every standardized test some questions are very direct, some require interpretation of data, and some you may not be familiar with. That is okay – just do your best.

What do I bring? Bring a fully charged Chromebook, additional pencils and a set of earbuds if you have them.

Parents are encouraged to visit the following pages for additional information about the assessments, including practice items and tutorials.

- New Jersey Student Learning Assessments Resource Center (Parent Resources): <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/>
- NJSLA-Science: <https://measinc-nj-science.com/>
- The New Jersey Department of Education also offers additional information regarding the state tests and the revised high school graduation requirements related to standardized testing on its website. This website can be accessed at <https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/>

Sincerely,



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