



2020-2021 Assessment Information for Parents and General Public

New Jersey school districts, charter schools and renaissance school projects are required by statute (*N.J.S.A. 18A: 7C-6.6*) to annually notify parents or guardians by October 1 or within 30 days of any statewide student assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year. If specific details are not yet available, districts may insert “To Be Determined” (“TBD”).

Key:

- **Number of Testing Administrations in Districts** refers to the number of times a particular assessment will be offered during the school year.
- **Testing Mode** refers to how the student will be administered the assessment. The two modes are computer-based, and paper-and-pencil. Some computer-based assessments allow students to take the assessment using paper and pencil. Be sure to inquire about the options if your child has a medical issue that would not allow them to take the assessment on the computer.
- **Testing Time** is the maximum amount of time allotted to students to complete the assessment. Most students finish well in advance of the allotted time.
- **Testing Window** is the period in which districts administer the statewide student assessment. It is not the actual number of days it takes a student to complete the assessment. School districts can choose the specific days within the window to administer the test. Please inquire with your district about the exact testing dates of the assessment.
- **Results Available** refers to date districts receive individualized student results from the assessment vendor. These results should be distributed to students, educators and families as soon as possible.

Assessment Name	Subject Area	Grade Level Tested	Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features	Number of Testing Administrations in District	Testing Mode	Testing Time Allotted per Student	Testing Window	Results Available	Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding the Assessment
NJSLA ELA/Math Spring Administration	ELA and Math	[insert grade levels i.e., 3 through 8 & Algebra 1]	NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual	1	Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities	Unit Testing Times	TBD	TBD	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage

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NJSLA Science Administration	Science	Grades 5 & 8	NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual	1	Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities	For grades 5 and 8: Four 45-minute units for a total of three hours. Grade 11: Four 60-minute units for a total of four hours	TBD	TBD	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	ELA, Math, and Science	Grades 3 through 8	DLM Accessibility Manual	1	Computer-based		TBD	TBD	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage
ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	English language proficiency test	K–12	WIDA Accessibility Accommodations	1	Paper – Grade K (and by request) Online Grades 1–12 (Writing portion is paper Grades 1–3)	No time limit	TBD	TBD	Parent Handout Provided in different languages.
Start Strong assessments- ELA/Mathematics/ Science (optional)	ELA, Math, and Science	[insert grade levels i.e., 3 through 10 or math course enrollment]	Information to be released on Office of Assessments webpage	1	Online only	45–60 minutes per subject assessment	9/28/20 to 12/14/20	Immediately	Information to be released on Office of Assessments webpage
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Instructionally Embedded (IE) Assessments (optional)	ELA, Math, and Science	Grades 3 through 8	DLM Accessibility Manual	N/A	Online only	10–15 minutes per testlet	9/14/20 to 12/23/20	Immediately	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage