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# 2020-21 Parental Notification of Standardized Assessments

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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 of any statewide student assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year.

**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 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.
- **Testing Time** is the maximum amount of time allotted to students to complete 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.
- **Requirement** refers to whether the assessment is required (Req.) by state and/or federal (Fed.) government, or by the district.
- ELA/L = English Language Arts/Literacy

# Spring 2021 State Standardized Assessment Schedule

| Assessment: | Subject Area: | Grade Level Tested: | Number of Testing Admini-strations in District | Testing Mode: | Testing Window: | Testing Time Allotted per Student: | Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features: | Req. | Results Available: | Information for Parents / Guardians Regarding the Assessment: |
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| New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) | ELA/L Math | Grades 3 - 9 or math course enroll-ment | 1 | Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities | May 3, 2021 - June 11, 2021 *Remote testing option available | Unit Testing Times | NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual | State and Federal | Fall, 2021 | TestNav Remote Delivery: Parent/Guardian Guide TestNav Remote Delivery: Student Guide NJSLA: ELA Practice Tests NJSLA: Math Practice Tests NJDOE Office of Assessments |
| NJSLA | Science | Grades 5, 8, and 11 | 1 | Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities | May 3, 2021 - June 11, 2021 | Unit Testing Times | NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual | State and Federal | Fall, 2021 | NJDOE Science NJSLA NJSLA: Science Practice Tests |
| Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM: | ELA/L Math Science | Select students with IEPs in grades 3 - 8 and 11 | 1 | Computer-based | April 5, 2021 - June 11, 2021 *Must be in-person | No time limit | | State and Federal | DLM Accessibility Manual | NJDOE Dynamic Learning Maps DLM Sample Test Items |
| Portfolio Appeals | N/A | Select students in grade 12 | N/A | N/A | January 4, 2021 - May 7, 2021 | | | | | NJDOE Portfolio Appeals Information |
| Cognitive Abilities Test | N/A | Grades 2 and 5 | 1 | Computer-based | Spring, 2021 | Approx. 30 - 45 min. per | | | Scoring & Reporting | CogAT Forms 7 and 8 | |

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| (cogAT) | | | | | | battery (verbal, quantita-tive, non-verbal) | | | | [RiversideAssessmentsCogAT information](#) |
| PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test & National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) | | Grades 10/11 | 1 | Computer-based | Tuesday, January 26, 2021 | 2 hours and 45 minutes total (Reading, Writing/ Language, & Math) | [Accommodation Information for PSAT](#) | | Spring 2021 | [CollegeBoard PSAT site](#) |
| SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) | | Grades 11/12 | | Computer-based | 9/26, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 3/13, 5/8, 6/5 | Between 3 and 4.5 hours (depending on essay) | [Accommodation Information for SAT](#) | | Within 30 days from the date of the test | [CollegeBoard SAT site](#) |
| AP Exams (Advanced Placement) | | Students in grades 10-12 enrolled in AP courses | | Computer-based | May 3, 2021 - May 14, 2021 [AP Exam Info](#) | Each exam will take approx. between 2 and 3 hours | [Accommodation Information for AP Exams](#) | | July, 2021 | [CollegeBoard AP site](#) |
| ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 [Additional Information](#) | English Lang. Profi-ciency Test | English Lang. Learners in grades K - 12 | 1 | Paper: Grade K and by request Online: Grades 1-12 (Writing portion is paper in grades 1-3) | April 5, 2021 - May 21, 2021 *Must be in-person | No time limit | [Accommodation Information for ACCESS 2.0](#) | State and Federal | June, 2021 | [NJDOE ACCESS 2.0](#) [Parent Information (in all languages)](#) |

*On June 5, 2019, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) updated the high school graduation assessment requirements in both English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) and mathematics for the Classes of 2019 through 2022, pursuant to an amended Consent Order from the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey.*

**The Classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022:**
*The high school assessment graduation requirements that are in place for the Classes of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 are:*

*In English Language Arts/Literacy, students must demonstrate proficiency:*
*1. On NJSLA/PARCC ELA 10; or*
*2. By meeting the designated cut score on an alternative assessment such as other high school-level NJSLA/PARCC assessments, the SAT, ACT, or ACCUPLACER as defined in the chart below; or*
*3. By submitting, through the district, a student portfolio appeal to the New Jersey Department of Education.*

*In mathematics, students must demonstrate proficiency:*
*1. On NJSLA/PARCC Algebra I; or*
*2. By meeting the designated cut sore on an alternative assessment such as other high school-level NJSLA/PARCC assessments, the SAT, ACT, or ACCUPLACER as defined in the chart below; or*
*3. By submitting, through the district, a student portfolio appeal to the New Jersey Department of Education.*

*Note: Special Education students, whose Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) specify an alternative way to demonstrate proficiencies, will continue to follow the graduation assessment requirements set forth in their IEPs.*

**The Class of 2023 and Beyond**
*The NJDOE is committed to providing fair notice to students and educators and will continue to collaborate with stakeholders to transition to the next generation of statewide assessments.*

Please see the attached link for further information and details on the proficiency levels/cut off scores:  New Jersey Department of Education Graduation Requirements**.**

As we approach testing, the Saddle Brook School District will provide parents and guardians with more specific dates and times, including make-up dates.  All testing sessions will begin in the morning.  Please note that timelines are approximate, and students with IEPs, 504 plans, and those who are identified as English Language Learners, will receive appropriate accommodations.

Should you have specific questions about your child's testing environment, please contact your building principal, your child study team member, or guidance counselor.

Sincerely,

Toni Violetti
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