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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Each spring, we administer state-mandated assessments in grades 3–8. The NJSLA (New Jersey Student Learning Assessment) measures student achievement in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics, based on the learning standards contained in the NJSL for Math and Language Arts, as well as Science in grades 5 and 8.

This year, the New Jersey Department of Education has introduced an updated version of the assessment called **NJSLA Adaptive**. This computer-adaptive format adjusts the difficulty of questions as students work through the assessment, providing a more accurate picture of each child's individual progress and learning needs.

In addition, the state requires all schools to participate in a field test of the new NJSLA Adaptive assessment in November. The purpose of this field test is to allow the Department of Education to evaluate the new format before full statewide implementation. Participation is mandatory, and the results from the field test will not count toward student or school accountability. We will share specific dates and details with you as the November field testing window approaches.

Please refer to the testing schedule on the next page for the official spring administration window for the 2025–2026 school year. As we get closer to testing, we will send another letter with reminders and updated information.

We appreciate your cooperation in making sure your child attends school daily and on time during testing dates. A good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast are also important in supporting your child's success. Please remember that cell phones and other electronic devices are not permitted in classrooms during test administration. Students may bring a recreational book to read after they have completed the test.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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2025 - 2026 Oldmans Township School Assessment Information to 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 of any statewide student assessment or commercially-developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year. If after October 1 it is decided that an additional commercially-developed standardized assessment will be administered, then the information shall be shared with parents as soon as possible (within 30 days of receipt of final reports for statewide assessments).

If specific details are not yet available, districts may insert “To Be Determined” (“TBD”).

Key:

- **Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features** refers to the manual that outlines the accommodations and accessibility options available for the test.
- **Required by State, Federal or Local** whether the assessment is required or mandated by state, federal or local district.
- **Sample Questions** provides a link to sample items/questions for students to practice.
- **Testing Time Allotted per Student** 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 of time in which districts administer the 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 the date districts receive individualized student results from the assessment. These results should be distributed to students, educators, and families as soon as possible (within 30 days of receipt of final reports for statewide assessments).

NJSLA-ELA and Math Spring

Subject Area(s)	Grade Level Tested	Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features	Required by State, Federal, or Local	Sample Questions	Testing Time Allotted per Student	Testing Window	Results Available	Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding the Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA • Math 	Grade levels 3-8, Algebra I	Manual available on the New Jersey Assessments Resource Center under Educator Resources > Test Administration Resources	State and Federal	NJSLA Practice Tests	Available at: Unit Testing Times	5/4/26 to 5/8/26 Make-up: 5/26/26 to 5/29/26	TBD	Parent Resources webpage on the New Jersey Assessments Resource Center

NJSLA-Science

Subject Area(s)	Grade Level Tested	Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features	Required by State, Federal, or Local	Sample Questions	Testing Time Allotted per Student	Testing Window	Results Available	Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding the Assessment
Science	Grades: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 • 8 	Manual available on the New Jersey Assessments Resource Center under Educator Resources > Test Administration Resources	State and Federal	NJSLA Practice Tests	For grades 5 and 8: Four 45-minute units for a total of three hours.	5/11/26 to 5/12/26 Make-up: 5/26/26 to 5/29/26	TBD	NJSLA-S Parent, Student, and Teacher Information Guide.

iReady Diagnostic Universal Screener (Local Assessment)

Subject Area(s): ELA & Math	Grade Level Tested	Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features	Required by State, Federal, or Local	Testing Time Allotted per Student	Testing Window	Results Available
BOY	1-8	Follows IEP/504 plans	Local	15 -20 minutes for each subject area (ELA, Math)	9/8/25 - 9/28/25	10/9/2025
MOY	K-8	Follows IEP/504 plans	Local	25 - 30 minutes for each subject area (ELA, Math)	1/12/26 - 1/28/26	12/6/2026
EOY	K-8	Follows IEP/504 plans	Local	25 - 30 minutes for each subject area (ELA, Math)	4/27/2026 - 5/15/2026	6/11/2026

Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding the Assessment/ Sample Questions

The i-Ready Diagnostic is an online assessment tool used in many schools to help teachers understand each student's strengths and areas for growth in reading and mathematics. It is not a traditional test—it is adaptive, meaning the questions get easier or harder depending on how your child responds. This assessment helps provide a more accurate picture of what your child already knows and what skills they are ready to learn next.

The results are used by teachers to guide instruction and to provide targeted support that matches your child's individual needs. Students will take the i-Ready Diagnostic three times each year (Beginning, Middle, and End) so teachers can monitor progress and adjust instruction as needed.