



East Rutherford School District

All Children Can Succeed

September 9, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6, the East Rutherford School District respectfully shares with you, information pertaining to the assessment schedule for the 2019-2020 school year. Please see below for the types of assessments that will be administered this school year, as well as details about each assessment's content, administration, duration, and available accommodations and/or accessibility options. In addition, we are providing you with information that will guide you to practice resources for each assessment, as well as their anticipated result release dates.

To satisfy both the state and federal testing requirements, the East Rutherford Schools will be administering the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments for English Language Arts/Literacy (NJSLA-ELA) and for Mathematics (NJSLA-M), which measures the extent of where 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. Please utilize the Office of Assessments link below for additional information for the assessments in the above areas:

Link: <https://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/parents/>

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.

You will find a chart outlining the time frame and units for each subject/grade level listed below:

ASSESSMENT SUBJECT AREA	ADMINISTRATION DATE/TIME	GRADES COVERED	REQUIREMENT	RESULTS AVAILABLE
NWEA MAP Practice Test http://warmup.nwea.org/warmup_start_educators_mpg.html	McKenzie September 2019 December 2019 March 2020	K-4	N/A	October 2019, January 2020, & April 2020
NJSLA-S (Science) Practice Test https://www.state.nj.us/education/aps/cccs/science/	McKenzie & Faust May 13, 2020 May 14, 2020	5 th & 8 th (only)	N/A	September 2020
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0	Feb. 18, 2020 - April 10, 2020	K-8 th	N/A	June 2020
NJSLA - ELA https://www.state.nj.us/education/aps/cccs/lal/	McKenzie 3 rd Grade April 27 – May 1, 2020 4 th Grade May 4-8, 2020 Make-ups April 28, 2020 – May 29, 2020 Faust May 5, 2020 - May 12, 2020	3 rd -8 th	N/A	September 2020
NJSLA - MATH https://www.state.nj.us/education/aps/cccs/math/	McKenzie 3 rd & 4 th Grade May, 11-19, 2020 Make-ups April 28, 2020 – May 29, 2020 Faust May 5, 2020 - May 12, 2020 Make-ups May 15, 2020 - May 29, 2020	3 rd -8 th	N/A	September 2020
NJSLA - ALGEBRA 1 https://www.state.nj.us/education/aps/cccs/math/	Faust May 5, 2020 - May 12, 2020	8 th	N/A	September 2020
DLM (DYNAMIC LEARNING MAPS)	McKenzie April 1, 2020 - May 29, 2020	K-4 th	N/A	August 2020

Note that English Language Arts/Literacy (NJSLA-ELA) and Mathematics (NJSLA-M), testing is computer/device based and will take place at grade levels 3 through 8 between April 2020 and May 2020. The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science (NJSLA-S), testing is also computer/device based and will take place at grades 5 and 8 only. Details pertaining to your child's school/grade level administration dates will be forthcoming from your building principal as the testing window approaches. Your child's NJSLA-Math, ELA and Science results will be shared with you by September of the next school year or within 30 days of the district's receipt of them.

The district will continue to ensure full compliance with all of the Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) of its students throughout each assessment administration. All available modifications, accommodations and accessibility options will be provided as permitted by each assessment, including extended time and modified testing environments. If your child has an IEP, your child's case manager will be directly involved in assuring that all available modifications and accommodations are provided throughout the assessment administration process. Please utilize the links below to learn more about the available accommodations and modifications provided for each assessment:

Link: <https://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/accommodations/>

We thank you in advance for your support of our assessment administration throughout the 2019-2020 school year. Should you have any questions, require further assistance, or need more detailed information, do not hesitate to reach out to your child's principal, guidance counselor and or case manager where applicable, for individualized support.

Sincerely,

Giovanni A. Giancaspro
Superintendent of Schools