



East Rutherford School District

All Children Can Succeed

September 30, 2021

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 2021-2022 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), for Mathematics (NJSLA-M) and for Science (NJSLA-S), which measures the extent of where students are, or on track to being college or career ready in each of the three 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. The test in Science is the state's assessment for New Jersey public school students in grades 5 & 8, which measures student proficiency with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Science examining students' performance of scientific and engineering practices in the context of crosscutting concepts and disciplinary core ideas.

Additionally, the East Rutherford School District will also be administering the newly mandated Start Strong Assessments. These assessments will be taken in grades 4-8 in the areas of English Language Arts (4th-8th), Mathematics (4th-8th), Science (6th) and Algebra (Honors 8th). The assessments are based on a subset of prioritized prior-year academic standards, include the same accessibility features and accommodations as the NJSLA and will be administered in 45-60 minute blocks.

Please utilize the New Jersey Department of Education's Families Portal link and Resource Center link below for additional information for the assessments in the above areas.

Families Portal: <https://www.nj.gov/education/families/>

New Jersey Student Learning Assessments Resource Center:
<https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/>

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

ASSESSMENT	ADMINISTRATION DATE/TIME	GRADE LEVELS	RESULTS PROVIDED
NWEA MAP https://www.nwea.org/	MCK:	K-4	
START STRONG https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/	FST: October 12-18 MCK: October 12-18	5-8 4 th Grade	November 1
DYNAMIC LEARNING ASSESSMENT (DLM) https://www.state.nj.us/education/title1/accountability/progress/15/Parents.pdf	MCK: April 2022-May 2022 FST: April 2022-May 2022	3-8 Special Education	September 2022
DLM Instructionally Embedded Assessments	MCK: October - December 2021 FST: October - December 2021	3-8 Special Education	September 2022
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 https://www.nj.gov/education/bilingual/ells/20/handout.htm	MCK: February - April 2022 FST: February - April 2022	K-8 English Language Learners	June 2022
NJSLA - ELA https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/	MCK: April - June 2022 FST: April - June 2022	3-8	September 2022
NJSLA- M https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/	MCK: April - May 2022 FST: April - May 2022	3-8	September 2022
NJSLA- Algebra I https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/	FST: April - May 2022	8 Algebra Track	September 2022
NJSLA- S https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/	FST: April - May 2022	5 & 8	September 2022

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 25, 2022 and June 3, 2022. 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.nj.gov/education/specialed/accom900.shtml>

As we await guidance from the New Jersey Department of Education Office of Assessments with regard to providing districts with the 2021-2022 assessment schedule, we thank you in advance for your patience and support of our assessment administration throughout the 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, school counselor and/or case manager where applicable, for individualized support.

Sincerely,

Giovanni A. Giancaspro
Superintendent of Schools

FAMILY RESOURCES

New Jersey Student Learning Assessments Practice Tests: <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/>

New Jersey NJSLA Parent Resources: <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/>

New Jersey Department of Education Digital Item Library: <https://nj.digitalitemlibrary.com/home>