# Jefferson Township Public Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Throughout this school year, your child may participate in a variety of standardized assessments that measure what your child knows and is able to do.  The results of these assessments will help us determine if an individual student is excelling or needs additional supports. The aggregated data our educators receive from these assessments can be used to measure the effectiveness of our curriculum and our instructional programs.  You will be notified regarding the schedule of testing before the administration of each of these assessments.

New Jersey school districts 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 additional 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").

Information regarding each assessment is detailed below.  We are asking parents to use the resources listed below to familiarize yourself with the types of questions and content that will be measured on our assessments. You can use these resources to work with your child to better prepare them for the tests.

Thank you for all you do on behalf of your child.  Please contact your child's guidance counselor or building principal should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**Key:**

- **Number of Testing Administrations in District** refers to the number of times a particular assessment will be offered during the school year.
- **Testing Mode** refers to how the assessment will be administered to students. 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 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.

| Assessment Name | Subject Area | Grade Level Tested | Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features | Testing Mode | Testing Time Allotted per Student | Testing Window | Results Available | Info for Parents/Guardians Regarding the Assessment |
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| Start Strong assessments-English Language Arts (ELA)/ Mathematics/ Science | ELA, Math, and Science | ELA 4-10 Math 4-8, Alg. I & II and Geom. Sci. – 6, 9 & 12 | Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual | Online only | 45–60 minutes per subject assessment | 9/13/21 to 10/22/21 | TBD | Information to be released on Office of Assessments webpage |
| NJSLA ELA/Math Regular Spring Administration | ELA and Math | Grades 3-9, Alg. I, Alg. II and Geometry | NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual | Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities | Unit Testing Times | 4/25/22 to 6/3/22 | TBD | For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage |
| NJSLA Science Administration | Science | Grades 5, 8 and 11 | NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual | 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 | 4/25/22 to 6/3/22 | TBD | For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage |

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| Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Year End (YE) Model | ELA, Math, and Science | Grades 3 through 8 and 11 | DLM Accessibility Manual | Computer-based | | 4/1/22 to 5/27/22 | 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 | Paper – Grade K (and by request) Online Grades 1–12 (Writing portion is paper Grades 1–3) | No time limit | 2/14/22 to 4/8/22 | TBD | Parent Handout<br><br>Provided in different languages. |
| District Technology Assessment | Technology | 4 & 8 | | Computer-based | 45-60 minutes | 5/16/22- to 5/31/22 | June 2021 | |
| PSAT | ELA and Math | 11 | Accommodations and Supports Handbook | Paper | 2 hours and 25 minutes | 10/15/2021 | TBD | Parent Overview |

| Assessment Subject Area | Administration Date/Time | Grades Covered | Require-ment | Results Available |
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| **LinkIt – Math & ELA benchmark Assessments**<br>**Form A**<br>**Form B**<br>**Form C** | 9/13/21 - 9/30/21<br>1/4/22 – 1/31/22<br>5/23/22 – 6/15/22 | 1 – 12<br>1 – 12<br>K – 12 | Yes | Oct. 2021<br>Feb. 2022<br>June 2022 |
| **CogAT – Cognitive Abilities Test** | September 2021 | 3 and 6 | Yes | Nov. 2021 |

*If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodations according to their IEP or 504 Accommodation Plan, parents/guardians should contact their child's case manager for additional details on accommodations and accessibility options.