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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 become familiar 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:

- **Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features** refers to the manual that outlines the accommodations and accessibility options available for the test.
- **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 Regarding the Assessment
NJGPA Fall Administration	ELA and Math	11 and 12	New Jersey Assessments Resource Center	Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities	Two 90-minute units. Total time 180 minutes per subject.	10/7/24 to 10/11/24	December 2024	Parent Resources webpage on the New Jersey Assessments Resource Center
Portfolio Appeals	ELA and Math	12	Special Student Populations Assessment Information	Paper-based	NA	12/2/24 to 5/2/25	June 2025	New Jersey Graduation Assessment Requirements
NJSLA ELA/Math Spring Administration NJSLA Science Administration	ELA, Math, and Science	Grades 3-9, Alg. I, Alg. II and Geometry Science – 5, 8, & 11	New Jersey Assessments Resource Center	Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities	Unit Testing Times	4/28/25 to 5/23/25	Summer 2025	Parent Resources webpage on the NJ Assessments Resource Center

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Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Year End (YE) Model; ELA, Math & Science	ELA, Math, and Science	Grades 3-8 and 11 Science: 5, 8 and 11	DLM Accessibility Manual	Computer-based	10-15 minutes per testlet	4/7/25 to 5/25/25	Summer 2025	New Jersey DLM
ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	English language proficiency test	ACCESS: K-12 Alt. ACCESS 1-12	WIDA Accessibility Accommodations	Grade K paper-based Grades 1–12 Online Grades 1-3 writing section on paper	No time limit	2/3/25 to 3/28/25	TBD	Parent Handout Provided in different languages.
PSAT	ELA and Math	10 & 11	Accommodations and Supports Handbook	Computer-based	2 hours and 14 minutes	10/16/24	TBD	Parent Overview

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LinkIt – Math & ELA Benchmark Assessments Form A Form B Form C	9/11/24 - 9/27/24 1/2/25 - 1/31/25 5/27/25 - 6/13/25	K-12	Yes	Oct. 2024 Feb. 2025 June 2025
CogAT – Cognitive Abilities Test	September 2024	3 and 6	Yes	Nov. 2024

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