



Denville Township Schools

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Dear Parents,

The New Jersey Department of Education has applied for a waiver in order to forgo administering the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) for the 2020-2021 school year. At this time, that waiver has not been granted by the US Department of Education, so we are required to plan on testing in the event that the waiver is not granted. If the waiver is granted, we will inform families of the change. Testing in Denville is scheduled to begin on May 3, 2021. Please see the schedule below.

Test Name	Subject Area	Grade Level	Testing Dates
NJ Student Learning Assessment 3	ELA	3	May 3, 4
NJ Student Learning Assessment 3	Math	3	May 6, 7, 10
NJ Student Learning Assessment 4	ELA	4	May 11, 12
NJ Student Learning Assessment 4	Math	4	May 13, 14, 17
NJ Student Learning Assessment 5	ELA	5	May 18, 19
NJ Student Learning Assessment 5	Math	5	May 20, 21, 24
NJ Student Learning Assessment 6	ELA	6	May 3, 4
NJ Student Learning Assessment 6	Math	6	May 6, 7, 10
NJ Student Learning Assessment 7	ELA	7	May 11, 12
NJ Student Learning Assessment 7 & Algebra 7	Math	7	May 13, 14, 17
NJ Student Learning Assessment 8	ELA	8	May 18, 19
NJSLA 8, Algebra 8, Geometry	Math	8	May 20, 21, 24
NJSLA-Science	Science	5	May 25, 26
NJSLA-Science	Science	8	May 25, 26

If your child is currently attending school fully virtually, you will be contacted with further instructions regarding the NJSLA administration.

The NJSLA assessments will provide you with information about your child's academic progress. The state assessment will culminate in detailed diagnostic information about each individual student's performance that educators, parents, and students can utilize to enhance foundational knowledge and student achievement. This information can be used to identify specific areas of difficulty in order to customize instruction accordingly. The 2021 NJSLA results are due back to the district in the summer and will be mailed to families shortly after receipt.

All district boards of education are obligated to implement the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and to "ensure students meet the expectations and proficiency standards as measured by current and future state and local assessments." In accordance with state law and regulations, all students in Grades 3-11 are required to take state assessments.

There are many resources available to help families understand the assessment. Please see our website for parent guides (still identified as PARCC resources by NJDOE), New Jersey Student Learning Standards, statewide assessment refusal procedures, and answers to frequently asked questions.

http://www.denville.org/curriculum_and_instruction/p_a_r_c_c_and_n_j_a_s_k_testing_information

We realize that you may have concerns about your child's performance due to interrupted learning during the pandemic. If the waiver is not granted, Denville will be required to administer the NJSLA. It is not a local decision. We ask our students to just try their best and not get stressed about the outcome. The assessment results will have no impact on course placement, grade progression, report cards, or teacher evaluation. We will only use results to help remediate any learning gaps that may exist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra L. Cullis".

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