



Denville Township Schools

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Dear Parents,

It is once again time for the annual assessment of student proficiency of the New Jersey English Language Arts and Math Student Learning Standards. For this measure, New Jersey will be using a revised and shortened assessment called The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA). This assessment replaces the PARCC. The format and standards have not changed, therefore the student experience will not greatly differ, with the exception of a reduction in the number of sections and questions on the test. Students in grades 5 & 8 only, will take the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment Science (NJSLA-S).

Each assessment day will consist of 1-1 ½ hours of testing.

NJ Student Learning Assessment 3	ELA	3	April 16, 17
NJ Student Learning Assessment 3	Math	3	May 6, 7, 9
NJ Student Learning Assessment 4	ELA	4	April 11, 12
NJ Student Learning Assessment 4	Math	4	May 10, 13, 14
NJ Student Learning Assessment 5	ELA	5	April 8, 9
NJ Student Learning Assessment 5	Math	5	April 30, May 1, 2
NJ Student Learning Assessment 6	ELA	6	May 2, 6
NJ Student Learning Assessment 6	Math	6	May 7, 9
NJ Student Learning Assessment 7	ELA	7	April 30, May 1
NJ Student Learning Assessment 7 & Algebra 7	Math	7	May 13-14
NJ Student Learning Assessment 8	ELA	8	April 16-17
NJSLA 8, Algebra 8, Geometry	Math	8	May 16-17
NJSLA-Science	Science	5	May 16-17
NJSLA-Science	Science	8	May 10,13

The NJSLA assessments will provide you with important information about your child's 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 2019 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, New Jersey Student Learning Standards, statewide assessment refusal procedures, and answers to frequently asked questions. www.denville.org/curriculum_and_instruction

If you have questions regarding the NJSLA, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be hosting a live NJSLA webinar on Monday, March 18th at 6:30 PM.

New Jersey Student Learning Assessment Informational Webinar 2019

Mon, Mar 18, 2019 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM EDT

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Sincerely,



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