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Dear Parents/Guardians:

New Jersey statute N.J.S.A. 18A: 7C-6.6 requires school districts to annually notify parents and guardians by October 1st of any statewide student assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year. Please note that we do recognize the importance of instructional time and are always trying to minimize the amount of time students spend in testing environments. This year, students will spend about 1%-2% of the school year taking these assessments. As a district, we value the data provided by these assessments and use the results to develop curriculum, guide instruction, and provide students with personalized support. Detailed information about each assessment can be found on the next page.

Assessment	Grade Level	Administration Dates
LinkIt (Assessments A, B, and C)	Grades 2 - 8	A*: September 12th - September 23rd B*: January 9th - January 20th C*: May 15th - May 25th
New Jersey Department of Education - Start Strong Assessment Fall 2022 - English Language Arts	Grades 4 - 8	Date: September 21st Makeups: September 28th-September 30th
New Jersey Department of Education - Start Strong Assessment Fall 2022 - Mathematics	Grades 4 - 8	Date: September 22nd Makeups: September 28th-September 30th
New Jersey Department of Education - Start Strong Assessment Fall 2022 - Science	Grade 6	Date: September 23rd Makeups: September 28th-September 30th
InView Cognitive Abilities Assessment	Grade 3	October 18th and October 19th Makeups: October 20th and October 21st
The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) - Reading and Mathematics	Grades 4 and 8 (For Selected Schools)	If district schools are selected for this testing, an updated letter will be sent out.
The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - English Language Arts (NJSLA-ELA)	Grades 3 - 8	Grades 3 - 8 Testing Dates: May 2nd and May 3rd; An additional date may be added if our district is selected by the state to conduct an additional unit in ELA for field testing.
The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment- Science (NJSLA-S)	Grades 5 and 8	Grades 5 and 8 Testing Dates: May 4th - May 5th *If an extra unit is needed for ELA, Grade 5 Science testing dates will be adjusted accordingly.
The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - Mathematics (NJSLA-M)	Grades 3 - 8	Grades 3 - 8 Testing Dates: May 9th - May 11th

**Due to scheduling and other events, there is a wide window for teachers and principals to plan administration of these assessments.*

New Jersey Department of Education - Start Strong Assessment (Fall 2022) - English Language Arts; Start Strong Assessment (Fall 2022) - Mathematics; and Start Strong Assessment (Fall 2022) - Science are state mandated assessments for fourth through eighth grade students in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. Sixth grade students will also take the science assessment. These assessments are required by the state to be administered in the fall for this school year. These assessments are based on the prior year(s) standards and are administered in approximately 45-60 minutes. Please note that student cell phones and communication devices must be off and away during testing. Accommodations will be provided as per student's Individualized Education Program or 504 plan. More information can be found at: <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/startStrong/>

LinkIt is utilized by the district, in second through eighth grades, to monitor students' progress in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. LinkIt is a series of three assessments and each assessment in the series is approximately 40 to 60 minutes per subject. Student results will be provided to parents/guardians. Accommodations are provided for this assessment. More information on LinkIt can be found at <http://www.linkit.com/>.

The InView Cognitive Abilities Assessment is utilized by the district, in third grade, to measure students' verbal and quantitative inductive and deductive reasoning skills. This assessment is approximately 95 minutes. Student results will be provided to parents/guardians. Accommodations are not provided for this assessment. More information on InView can be found at: <https://terranova3.com/inview/>.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is a congressionally mandated assessment for fourth and eighth grade that is given nationwide. Schools are chosen randomly and at least 30 students at each school are asked to participate. NAEP assessments may include the following subjects: civics, geography, mathematics, reading, U.S. history or writing. The NAEP assessment is approximately 90 minutes long. Student level results are not reported. Accommodations will be provided as per student's Individualized Education Program or 504 plan. More information on NAEP can be found at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/dba/>.

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - English Language Arts (NJSLA-ELA) and The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - Mathematics (NJSLA-M) are state mandated assessments for third through eighth grade students in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. For ELA, the assessment in third grade consists of two 75-minute units. In fourth through eighth grade, the assessment consists of two 90-minute units. Field testing may be included as an additional (third) unit, if we are notified by the State that we are a district selected for field testing. In mathematics for third through eighth grade, the assessment consists of three 60-minute units. Students enrolled in Algebra I or Geometry will take the Algebra I or Geometry assessment in lieu of the mathematics grade level assessment. These assessments will consist of two 90-minute units. Please be advised that student cell phones will need to be off and away during testing. Accommodations will be provided as per student's Individualized Education Program or 504 plan. More information can be found at: <https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/>.

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment – Science (NJSLA-S) is a state mandated assessment for fifth and eighth grade students. In both grade levels, the assessment is approximately 180 minutes. The assessment must be administered over two days. Accommodations will be provided as per student's Individualized Education Program or 504 plan. More information can be found at: <https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/sla/science/>.

Student results for each assessment will be administered to parents/guardians when available, with the exception of the NAEP.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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