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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each Spring, all New Jersey public school districts are required to administer achievement tests developed by the New Jersey Department of Education. New Jersey students in Grades 3 to 10 will be tested in Literacy and in Mathematics through the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment. Literacy and Math assessments are used to measure the success of our schools on the standards set by the Federal "Every Student Succeeds Act." Students in Grades 5, 8, and 11 will also take the NJ S.L.A. in Science, which is an online cumulative measure of science standards.

The NJ S.L.A. is the standardized measure used in New Jersey. Its assessments were designed to provide information to districts about student performance in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science relative to state standards. These standards determine what students should know and be able to do in each content area at the end of each grade level. The tests contain multiple-choice questions as well as several types of questions requiring open-ended responses in which students explain their understanding. Results will provide a snapshot of how your child performed on a standardized test in relation to his/her peers, and individualized score reports will be mailed home next fall.

The New Jersey Department of Education requires all graduates to meet a minimum proficiency on a standardized assessment. Currently there are several assessments throughout a student's high school career that meet that expectation. This link includes the most current information.

<https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/docs/GradReq.pdf>

The Princeton Public School District will administer the various New Jersey mandated assessments during designated weeks in the Spring.

Please visit our website at <https://www.princetonk12.org/district/standardized-testing> for additional resources and information about NJSLA testing, including graduation requirements and protocols for test refusal.

Sincerely,

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