



## New Jersey Spring 2023 Assessments PPS Parent Communicator

There is **greatness** in all of us but it cannot **fully emerge** until we are **tested** by uncertain challenges and **new experiences**.

### Key Understandings & Vision for Assessment in Our District:

- Large scale assessment allow every member of our school community to gain information about how well we are meeting our goal to prepare all students for various types of learning
- Online tools and technologies allow us to gain information quickly about how well our students are adjusting to an increasingly more technical, inclusive and data-informed society
- NJ Department of Education has provided resources to help students and families understand the purpose and place of testing in our school curriculum
- Performance levels help schools identify levels of support to provide for students in nearly real-time. Working together with families, online assessments help us make adjustments to meet the needs of learners. As we collect more objective information about student learning, we will be better able to assign resources and accurately define learning objectives for every student.
- Start Strong (Fall administrations) allow us to understand potential learning loss from summer hiatus; NJGPA evaluates high school learning; NJSLA assess current year understandings. ACCESS tests are designed to evaluate language competencies specific to English speakers of other languages and Dynamic Learning Maps allow us to gain perspective on learning for specific populations of learners receiving specific student support services.



Science	Grades: 5 8 11	Manual available on the New Jersey Assessments Resource Center <a href="#">under Educator Resources &gt; Test Administration Resources</a>	State and Federal	<a href="#">NJSLA Practice Tests</a>	For grades 5 and 8: Four 45-minute units for a total of three hours. Grade 11: Four 60-minute units for a total of four hours.	5/1/23 to 5/26/23  <b>Make-up:</b> 5/30/23 to 6/2/23	TBD	<a href="#">NJSLA-S Parent, Student, and Teacher Information Guide.</a>
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