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Parents/Guardians:

I am writing to inform you of the state and standardized testing schedule for Park Ridge students during the 2024-2025 school year. There is one new test this year: the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) will be administered to our fourth grade students in West Ridge.

Sometimes called "The Nation's Report Card," the NAEP is a measurement of student achievement in ELA, mathematics, and many other subjects. West Ridge students will only take the reading and mathematics portions of the test. The Federal government chooses districts, schools, and grades, across the nation, to participate based on a sampling formula. This year, West Ridge grade four was one of the groups of students chosen. Since Park Ridge School District receives Federal funding, the district's participation is mandatory. The results of this assessment often determine educational policy at the federal level, and student progress as measured by the test is often used as a measure of student achievement nation-wide.

The New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) will be administered this spring to current Juniors (Class of 2026). Current law requires that the NJGPA be the primary graduation requirement for the Class of 2026. Students must achieve a designation, based on a cut-score set by the legislature, of 'Graduation-ready' to qualify for graduation. For students who require them, there are other pathways to graduation *as long as the student has attempted the NJGPA*. Full information about graduation requirements can be found online on our Curriculum Department's website, or you may contact your child's school.

The dates of the Spring 2025 exams in the chart below are the Testing Windows set by the State Department of Education or vendor. As these exams draw nearer, your building principals will reach out with more information, including exact testing dates.

Assessment	Grade(s)	Dates or Testing Window and Timing	More Information (including Sample Questions)
K-2 Phonics Benchmarks (No mandate)* *This is an assessment designed by our instructions, reading	K-2	Every 6-8 weeks as progress monitoring throughout the year Appx. 30 minutes per student	Accessibility: Teacher-driven test - all IEP and 504 accommodations apply

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Fountas & Pinnell (No mandate)	1-6	11/2024, 3/2025, 6/2025 20 minutes per student	Accessibility: Teacher-driven test: extra time and variable pacing Sample Questions: F&P Online Site
DIBELS (Dyslexia screener) (State)	Grades K-2	9/2024 5-7 minutes per student	Accessibility: Teacher-driven test includes extra time Sample Questions: Dibels Website
NJGPA (ELA and Math) Fall Block Testing (Optional)	Only Grade 12 students who require a second attempt on the test.	October 7 through October 11, 2024 Two 90-minute units; total time 180 minutes per subject* *Students may be only registered for one subject	Accessibility: Accessibility Manual online Sample Questions: NJGPA Practice Questions
PSAT (Optional)	10 and 11	October 23, 2024 2 hours and 45 minutes	Accessibility: Accommodations and supports manual Sample Questions: Practice Tests
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM), ELA, Math, and Science (Fulfills State/Federal)	ELA and Math: 3-8, and 11 Science: 5, 8, and 11 (only applicable students)	State window: September 9, 2024 through December 20, 2024* *Specific times to follow from building No time limit	Accessibility: DLM Accessibility Manual Sample Questions: DLM released testlets
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	ELA and Math Grade 4 at West Ridge	Federal Window: January 6 through March 14, 2025	Information: NAEP Overview Accessibility: Accessibility

Student Sample Required participation by Federal Government		'No more than 90 minutes.'	Information from the NAEP Sample Questions: Samples
ACCESS for ELLs Testing (State/Federal)	K-12 ML students only	February 3, 2025 to March 28, 2025 4 hours total test time	Accessibility: WIDA Accessibility Accommodations Sample Questions: ACCESS preparing students: practice
NJGPA (ELA and Math) (State/Federal)	11	March 10 through March 14, 2025 Two 90-minute units; total time 180 minutes per subject	Accessibility: Accessibility Manual online Sample Questions: NJGPA Practice Questions
NJSLA ELA, Math and Science (State/Federal)	ELA: 3-9 Math: 3-8, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II* Science: 5, 8, and 11 *Students must sit for a math assessment in Grade 9	April 28, 2025 through May 23, 2025 Math and ELA: Two 90-minute units; total time 180 minutes per subject Science: Four 60 minute units	Accessibility: Accessibility Manual online Sample Questions: NJSLA Practice Tests
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM), ELA and Math (State/Federal)	3-8, and 11 Science: 5, 8, and 11 (only applicable students)	April 7, 2025 to May 23, 2025* *Exact timing sent out by school. No time limit	Accessibility: DLM Accessibility Manual Sample Questions: DLM released testlets
AP Testing (Optional)	9-12 (students in applicable classes)	May 5, 2025 through May 16, 2025 AP Schedule for 2025 (Time varies based on subject but are usually about 3 hours.)	Accessibility: Accommodations for AP Exams Sample Questions: See Course and Exam pages