

## R 2622 STUDENT ASSESSMENT

### A. Statewide Assessment System – N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1

1. The school district shall, according to a schedule prescribed by the Commissioner of Education, administer the applicable Statewide assessments, including the following major components: the elementary assessment component for grades three through five; the middle school assessment component for grades six through eight; the high school assessment component; and the alternative State assessment for students with disabilities; and provide notification to each student entering grades three through twelve of the Statewide assessment schedule.
2. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1(c), all students at grade levels three through twelve, and at any other grade(s) designated by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1(a), shall take all appropriate Statewide assessments as scheduled.
  - a. The school district shall provide all appropriate accommodations or modifications to the Statewide assessment system as specified by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) for English language learners (ELLs) and students with disabilities as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.3 or eligible under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act as specified in a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 plan in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1(d)1.
    - (1) The school district may administer the Statewide assessments in mathematics to ELLs in their native language, when available, and/or English.
    - (2) The school district shall have the option for a first-year ELL of substituting a NJDOE-approved language proficiency test only for the English language arts component of the Statewide assessment, when the student has entered the United States after June 1 of the calendar year prior to the test administration.
  - b. The school district shall ensure students with disabilities as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.3 participate in Statewide assessments in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.10.



2. The school district shall transmit within ten business days any official records, including transcripts, of students who transfer to other school districts or institutions.
  3. The school district shall maintain an accurate record of each student's performance on Statewide assessments.
  4. The school district shall maintain for every student a ninth grade through graduation transcript that contains the following, as available:
    - a. Results of all applicable State assessments, including assessments that satisfy graduation requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a)6;
    - b. Results of any English language proficiency assessments according to N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(h);
    - c. Evidence of instructional experience and performance in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS);
    - d. Evidence of technological literacy;
    - e. Evidence of career education instructional experiences and career development activities;
    - f. Evidence of State-issued occupational licenses and credentials, industry-recognized occupational credentials, and/or technical skill assessments for students enrolled in NJDOE-approved career and technical education programs pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:19-3.2; and
    - g. Any other information deemed appropriate by the school district.
- C. Accountability – N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3
1. The Superintendent shall report final results of annual assessments to the Board and members of the public at a public meeting within sixty days of receipt of the information from the NJDOE.
  2. The Superintendent shall provide educators, parents, and students with results of annual assessments as required under N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.2(a) and B.1. above, within thirty days of receipt of information from the NJDOE.

3. The school district shall provide appropriate instruction to improve skills and knowledge for students performing below the established levels of student proficiency in any content area either on the Statewide or local assessments.
  4. All students shall be expected to demonstrate the knowledge and skills of the NJSLs as measured by the Statewide assessment system.
- D. Annual Review and Evaluation of School Districts – N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.4
1. The NJDOE shall review the performance of schools and school districts by using a percent of students performing at the proficient level as one measure of annual measurable objective (AMO) and incorporating a progress criterion indicative of systemic reform.
    - a. The review shall include the performance of all students, including students with disabilities as defined by N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.3, students from major racial and ethnic groups, economically disadvantaged students, and ELLs.
    - b. The review shall take place at each grade level in which Statewide assessments are administered, using the AMO targets.
- E. Public Reporting – N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.5
1. In accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.5, the NJDOE shall report annually to the New Jersey State Board of Education and the public on the progress of all students and student subgroups in meeting the NJSLs as measured by the Statewide assessment system by publishing and distributing the NJDOE’s annual New Jersey School Report Card in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7E-2 through 5.
  2. After each test administration, the NJDOE shall report to the Board on the performance of all students and of student subgroups.
- F. Parental Notification
- Parents shall be informed of the school district assessment system and of any special tests that are to be administered to their children.